

14th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for coming to parents evening on Tuesday evening and for attending the options briefing session which I hope you found useful and informative.

The following information to support you in guiding your child in making their option choices can be found on the school website under Curriculum : Options Year 9 :

- Information booklet which contains detailed subject information about each subject
- Options overview, which highlights the different pathways for population P and Q showing the option choices available (also attached to this letter)

Please note that core subjects such as Mathematics, English, Religious Education, PE and Science are compulsory subjects. However if students in P band choose to study separate sciences, (chemistry, physics and biology they will use their option choice in this block (Physics).

As explained during the options briefing, there is an increasing focus on students to follow an appropriate academic pathway wherever possible and achieve the English Baccalaureate qualification. This pathway focuses specifically on English, English Literature, Maths, Science (whether the separate or combined course) a Modern Foreign Language and a Humanities subject. Students have to achieve a grade 5 in each of these subjects.

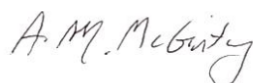
Whilst it is not possible, or appropriate, that all students follow such a pathway, as a school we believe that we should guide students and their parents/carers appropriately to suitable pathways.

If you wish to discuss your child's option choices further with a member of the Senior Leadership Team please book an appointment for **Wednesday 4th March** using our online booking system.

<https://pleckgate.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please note that if you are happy with your child's choices, you do not need to attend this meeting but must return the options form by **Monday 24th February**. Your child should return their option form to their form tutor.

Yours sincerely



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