

10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 9 Progression: Options Evening**

Year 9 pupils are approaching a very exciting and important stage in their education as we embark upon the options selection process. I am writing to you to explain how we are going to support your child in making their option choices. The Progression programme is detailed overleaf.

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** between 5:30pm-7:30pm, we will be holding an Options Progression Evening in school. You will hear from school leaders about the process and have the opportunity to hear from subject leaders about the courses that your child may be interested in studying at KS4. Local colleges will be in attendance to explain post 16 progression pathways, should you wish to find out about this too. We strongly encourage you to attend with your child. Your child must attend in school uniform.

This is an Open Event, however, so that we are aware of how many people will be attending, could you please confirm your attendance before the 18<sup>th</sup> January on the link below:

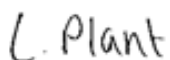
**Progression Options Evening Attendance Link**

We are committed to providing clear information through timely events to assist you and your child through the process.

The focus of this programme will allow you and your child to consider, in depth, the various routes that are on offer as your child progresses into Year 10 and beyond. For most pupils, full-time education is a process that continues until they are aged 18 or over. This may be through college, an apprenticeship or employer-based training. We consider it to be important that your child understands the consequences of choices made in Year 9, particularly in terms of long-term planning. Through this process form tutors, faculty leaders and subject teachers will be available to contact if you have any questions.

I hope that you find these events very useful. This is one of those times in a young person's life when the partnership of pupil, school and Parent/Carer is at its most important in helping them to prepare the way towards the future they desire. I look forward to working with you as part of that partnership.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Plant  
**Assistant Headteacher**

The Progression programme involves:

Event	Date	Method of delivery/summary of event
Careers interviews/support	Spring Term (January to Easter, one to one with pupils in school)	Individual pupil career meetings, with a member of the Careers team.
Teaching staff to share key information on KS4 courses	Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Short presentations during lessons.
<b>Options Progression Evening</b> for Parents/Carers <b>and pupils.</b>  Progression packs	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 5:30-7:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options progression presentation</li> <li>Individual subject presentations with subject teachers</li> <li>Career advisors available for guidance</li> <li>Presentations from colleges about post 16 pathways</li> </ul> <p>Printed options progression packs will be shared with families at the start of the evening with details about the process and the courses that can be studied at KS4.</p>
<b>Year 9 Parent/Carer Progress Evening</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent/Carer Evening held in school with appointments made via the SchoolCloud. This is to discuss your child's progress in each subject.
<b>Progression Day</b> for all Year 9 <b>pupils</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Periods 1 to 5	Progression day for pupils focusing on careers and the progression process. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xello Careers programme online lesson</li> <li>An employability and skills workshop</li> <li>An Options lesson</li> <li>Presentations on T Levels and Apprenticeships</li> </ul>
Progression Consultation Evening (Optional)	Date TBC*	Optional support evening, for specific issues/support with the process for those who feel that they need further guidance.
Submission of Progression Forms	3pm on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Progression form submitted online. Further instructions to follow.

\*Further information about this evening will be shared in due course.