

16th January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

The options process is an exciting time for Year 9 students as it enables them to begin to personalise their own curriculum and to consider their next steps.

We have attached the Options booklet to enable you and your child to begin to have conversations about their choices. The booklet aims to provide you with key information about our option subjects and pathway allocation, as well as providing guidance about how to make these important decisions.

There is a great deal of support available to you and your child to enable them to make positive decisions about their choices. Students will take part in a Careers and Options Character day. This day engages students in exploring a wide variety of destinations after Downlands, as well as introducing them to the options process.

Between now and the **deadline of Thursday 8th February**, there are two key events which will help you to support your child with their decision making.

Thursday 18th January: Options Evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Parents/Carers and students are invited to attend an options evening which will include a talk outlining the options process. This talk is followed by an options fair where parents/carers and students can find out more about different options choices.

Thursday 25th January: Year 9 Consultation Evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm

The consultation evening will give parents/carers and students the opportunity to discuss student progress.

Friday 26th January: Options Forms

Options forms will be released via Bromcom.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Adams
Deputy Headteacher