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Dear Parent

Year 9 In-person GCSE Options Parents' Evening (Option Subjects) Tuesday 7th February 4pm to 6.30pm

This face-to-face (in-person) Option Subjects Parents' Evening will take place in the school Hall between 4pm – 6.30pm, on Tuesday 7th February. It will provide the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress in these subjects with their class teacher, and will also enable you to seek advice about the selection of subjects for the GCSE courses beginning in September 2023. Students are expected to attend these meetings so that they can be involved in any discussions with teachers wearing full school uniform and should bring their Student Planner. Representatives from the Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics, and Psychology departments will also be available between 4pm and 5.30pm with information for these option subject choices.

In addition, there will be a presentation lasting approx 15-20 minutes in the Sixth Form Centre for you to attend at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm at which Mr Gilmore (Deputy Head) and I will explain the option choice procedure.

Booking your appointments

A timed appointment system will operate for this event. **To ensure the evening operates efficiently, please arrange your appointments with at least a 5 minute gap between each meeting to allow you to move to the next teacher location. Please also include a gap of 20 minutes at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm to enable you to attend one of the presentations.**

Appointments can be made from midday on Monday 30th January and the booking system will close on Monday 6th February at midday.

Entry to the Parents' Evening will be through the main gate at reception. Please sign in on arrival and out at departure. For this event, a limited number of parking spaces will be available in the car park closest to Danson Park (please return to the road to enter on foot through the reception gate).

In the meantime, the Year 9 team will be talking to students in order to explain the GCSE option system. The students will also be given guidance and advice during their PSHCE sessions, Power Day 3, assemblies and lessons. In this way they should be confident that they understand how to make appropriate choices. The options booklet and process presentation for 2023 is available on the school website and can be viewed by clicking on the link [here](#).

The actual Subject Choices will be collected electronically via a Google Form which will be sent to students **just after** the Options Parents' Evening. In order that we can begin planning our timetable requirements for next year, students should **complete and submit the electronic form in conjunction with their parents by Tuesday 21st February.**

Please visit <https://bexleygs.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments from midday on Monday. Your login will be authenticated by your *title* and your *surname*, which must match the data we hold.

Please complete your bookings for the Options Subject Parents' Evening by **Monday 6th February at midday**. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Spencer
Director of Studies

Please see the following support:

- Please visit <https://bexleygs.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.
- **Key dates**
 - ❖ **In-Person Option Subjects Evening**
 - Monday 30th January - *SchoolCloud* appointment booking system opens at midday.
 - Monday 6th February - *SchoolCloud* Appointment Booking System closes at midday.
 - Tuesday 7th February - **Options Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm in the school Hall** (Electronic options form will be sent to students after this Parents' Evening).
 - ❖ Tuesday 21st February - **Options forms must be submitted by this date.**