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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Progress Review & GCSE Options Subjects Evening Tuesday 4th February 2025, 4pm to 6.30pm

This meeting will take place between 4.00pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2025 and will provide the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and will also enable you to seek advice about the selection of subjects for the two year GCSE courses beginning in September 2025. There will be presentations of about 20 minutes in the Sixth Form Centre for you to choose from at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm at which Mrs Ellis (Deputy Head) and I will explain the option choice procedure. 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. There will also be students from our academic council available to speak with about their own experiences of the GCSE subjects and the options process between 4-5.00pm.

A timed appointment system will operate for this event and your child will need to arrange appointment times with Teaching Staff using the form on page 156 in the student planner. **Please also include a gap of 20 minutes at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm to enable you to attend one of the presentations.** There will be some parents/carers that either myself or Miss Hodkin, (SAM), will make appointments with to discuss their child's current academic progress. This will therefore limit my capacity to make Science appointments, and if I teach your child, unfortunately I may not be able to meet with you. However, I am really keen to provide feedback so please email me via the address above and I will contact you directly.

Entry to the Progress Review Evening will be through the main gate at Reception. Please sign in on arrival and out at departure.

The Options Booklet, including an exemplar Subject Choice Form, will be issued to students in time for the 4th February. This booklet outlines the courses on offer and explains the choices which will need to be recorded on the form. The actual Subject Choices will be collected electronically via a Google Form which will be sent to students just after the Progress Review 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 25th February.**

In the meantime, the Year 9 team will be talking to students in order to explain the option system. The students will also be given guidance and advice during PSHCE, Power Day 3, assemblies and lessons. In this way the students should be confident that they understand how to make appropriate choices. The options booklet and process presentation for 2025 will be available on the school website nearer the time.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter and confirm your attendance by clicking on the link [here](#) by Thursday 30th January. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Boulden
Director of Studies, Year 9