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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have two very important events coming up for your child in Year 9:

- Year 9 Parents Evening – Thursday 3rd April 2025 from 4pm to 7pm
- Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 24th April 2025 (further details will be sent out nearer the time).

Parents Evening is an opportunity to speak 1-1 with your child's teachers and discuss your child's progress, strengths and areas for improvement. Meeting with their individual teachers at this stage will give you an insight into whether a subject may be a good option choice at key stage 4. Please use this time to also get advice on what your child could be doing to prepare for starting their qualifications. We cannot stress highly enough, the importance of attending both events as part of you and your child's decision-making process. I am aware that some students are feeling unsure and even worried about making the right choices which is why I urge you to be as informed as possible, as this will ease their minds.

Hopefully, during your consultations with your child's teachers you should be able to gain information that will assist you in being able to advise and discuss options subjects that your child may choose to study at GCSE. Information to consider:

- Is my child making/ exceeding progress in that subject?
- Is this subject a strength for my child?
- Do they enjoy that subject?
- Are there future career options for this subject?

We understand that your time is valuable, but we assure you that your investment in attending Parents Evening will yield invaluable benefits for your child's future. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an alternative time for a discussion about your child's progress.



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Appointments with individual teachers are bookable through the 'My Child at School' app – please refer to the “how to” guide.

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents Evening and strengthening our partnership in nurturing your child's academic success and well-being in preparation for our Options Evening on Thursday 24th April 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Lane
Head of Year 9

