

27 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9

We are approaching a very exciting and important time in your child's education, their Key Stage 4 option choices, where students will decide which subjects they wish to study in Years 10 & 11.

Making the right option choices is incredibly important for examination success and the future aspirations of your child. At Barnwood Park we are ambitious for our students and pride ourselves on all of our students being successful in the subjects that they study at Key Stage 4. The starting point of this success is the options process. We are delighted to be able to continue to offer a very wide range of subjects at Key Stage 4, to ensure that the students can select a combination of subjects that is right for them.

As part of our information, advice and guidance for Year 9 students, we have our GCSE Options Booklet along with a video explaining the GCSE options process. There are also subject information videos from our Curriculum leaders, where information regarding each course and the means of assessment are explained in more detail. All of this is designed to provide you and the students with as much information as possible, so that informed choices can be made. I strongly encourage you to read this booklet, watch the videos with your child and take time to consider what options are the most suitable. To further support the options decision, all Year 9 parents/carers will be provided with the opportunity for an options meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on 27th March 2025.

All options choices will need to be submitted by Friday 4th April 2025 so that we can ensure that our timetabling model can accommodate as many option choices as possible. There is more information on how to submit option choices on the [Year 9 options page](#) of the school website.

If you have further questions after reading this booklet and watching the videos, then please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff in the contacts section.

Yours sincerely

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