

Year 10 GCSE Options Day

Monday 19th February 2018 (9.00 am – 12.00 noon)

Short presentations will start at 9.00 am and will be followed by meetings with subject teachers and Careers staff from about 9.30 am. It is a non-uniform day for students.

Choosing GCSE courses involves the first major set of career decisions that our Year 10 students will have to make since leaving primary school. It is important that each student makes the 'right' choice, one that suits their interests, abilities and career aspirations. Because study of each course at GCSE level requires more time than in Junior School, it is inevitable that some subjects will have to be dropped. However, seek advice before dropping any subjects, in case you drop a subject that is vital to your career aspirations.

It is strongly recommended that students choose a **Science** and a **Modern Language** course. Also remember that new courses such as Computer Science, Journalism and Engineering are now open to you.

In advance of the Options Day, each student:

- will be **interviewed by a Careers teacher**;
- will **discuss and research GCSE courses** in their weekly Employability classes, and in many of their subject classes.
- should read relevant sections of the **Year 10 Options Booklet**, which will soon be available on the College website.

Parents may also take the opportunity to check on their son or daughter's Year 10 progress in subjects that will be compulsory at GCSE, namely English, Mathematics and Religious Education.

We hope that all Year 10 students and their parents will be able to attend the Day. It would be useful if students brought with them their **Year 9 Summer Reports** and the results of any **Year 10 assessments**.

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