

28 January 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Options

This letter is to confirm the arrangements for the remainder of the options process this year and to give students and parents the Options Grid to make choices from.

Firstly, please find the **Options Grid attached**. We have taken into account the preferences of those students who returned a form, and have aimed to create a grid that maximises choice and flexibility. Students may now start considering the combinations of subjects that will best suit them and their future aspirations.

In order to help choices there are three further events.

Wednesday February 10 – Extended Opportunities tasters @ University of Derby, Buxton

This is for students interested in the following courses: Public Services, Motor Vehicle, Hair & Beauty and Childcare. These courses will run at the university in Year 10 and 11 and on this day students will be able to see what these courses really involve. **Interested students need to see Mr Dearden SOON to get the paperwork complete to enable this to happen. As for the courses themselves, places are limited.**

Wednesday February 10 – Applied Learning evening @ University of Derby, Buxton

The first event is for students and parents considering any of the Applied Learning courses in the greyed-out boxes in Columns A and B. It will take place at The Dome, Devonshire Road, University of Derby, Buxton from 6.30pm (the central talk will begin at 7.00pm). Finishing time will depend on interest, but no later than 9.00pm.

At this event ALL the courses in the greyed-out boxes will be represented, and students and parents will be able to ask questions, see sample work and find out about progression routes from these courses Post 16.

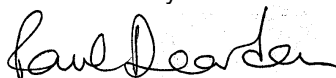
Monday 1 March – Y9 Options Day

This day is devoted mostly to working with Y9 students and their parents. Y7 and Y8 will work at home, Y10 and Y11 will go home at lunchtime.

The main focus for the College that day will be the Year 9 students, their parents and the Options process. In the morning students will work on their Options with tutors. Parents are then invited to join us at lunchtime (from 12.45) for the afternoon. There will be a series of Option talks and an opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers. Y9 Reports will come home the week before on 25 February. We have run this day successfully for the last two years and parents have appreciated the opportunity to find out more about Options and talk to subject teachers.

We aim to collect all completed Option forms on the Tutor Evening on Tuesday 16 March.

Yours sincerely



Paul Dearden
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