

Year 9 Option Choices Evening Wednesday 9 February – how to plan your evening

To get the most from this event it is best to plan which subject talks you want to attend in advance of the evening. Read through the Curriculum Guide that was issued on Wednesday 2 February to start the process of deciding which subject talks you want to attend. You are strongly advised to attend one of the 'Options Explained' talks to ensure you have more information about the options process and about the Curriculum that will be followed in KS4.

The 'Options Explained' talk will last 30 minutes and will take place at 6.15pm and will be repeated at 7pm in the new Performance Centre. To help us manage numbers in the Performance Centre and around the school, we ask that students and parents from certain tutor groups attend at the following times where possible:

6.15pm – 9RMK, 9ACC, 9SJF, 9SDR, 9CJS and 9HLN

7pm – 9SMC, 9HJD, 9SSO/KTP, 9KMD, 9KEG/RIC and 9SMP/HKH

If you are attending the 'Options Explained' talk at 7pm, remember that you can attend subject talks at 6.15pm and 6.35pm before making your way to the Performance Centre.

Subject talks will take place in the locations shown in the table on the back of this sheet. The subject talks will consist of a 10-minute presentation, 5 minutes for questions and then 5 minutes for movement to the next subject session. If the room is full when you arrive to a talk, please attend a different talk, and return later. Do not worry about walking into a talk a bit late if you have to change your plan. The power points for the talks will be available on the school website a few days after the event and you can contact staff using the contact email address as shown in the curriculum booklet.

Advice about planning your evening:

- Read the Curriculum Booklet and make a list of the subjects you might want to choose.
- If there is a subject that you definitely want to do, you might not need to attend that talk, remember students can talk to any of the teachers at break and lunchtimes.
- Definitely attend a talk for any subject you might want to choose but have never studied before.
- Do not plan this evening around what talks your friends are attending. These are YOUR option choices, and you need to see the subjects YOU are interested in.

Plan your subject talks using the grid below. Attending the 'Options Explained' talk in the Performance Centre will still allow you to attend 5 subject talks.

Session time	Subject	Room
6.15pm		
6.35pm		
6.55pm		
7.15pm		
7.35pm		
7.55pm		
8.15pm		

Note that parking is extremely limited on the school site, and it is best to walk or park off site and walk if you can.

The subject talks are taking place in the Maths and Languages block (the two-storey building next to the Performance Centre) and in the English Quad (on the other side of the Performance Centre). To allow for easy flow of people in the Maths and Languages block, please only enter the building via the front entrance and exit the building via the side exit which is located next to Ma1 and La1. Rooms Ma1 to Ma11 are downstairs. Rooms La1 to LA12 are upstairs. Unless otherwise stated, sessions take place at: 6.15pm, 6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm, 7.55pm and 8.15pm. A bell will ring to indicate when it is time to move to the next session. We have factored in 5 minutes for movement to your next talk.

Subject	Room	Session Times
'Options Explained' talk	Performance Centre	6.15pm and 7.00pm
Art, Craft & Design (GCSE)	Ma1	6.15pm, 6.55pm, 7.35pm, 8.15pm
Business Studies (GCSE)	Ma10	6.15pm, 6.55pm, 7.35pm, 8.15pm
Computer Science (GCSE)	Ma3	All sessions
Construction (Tech Award)	En6	6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm, 7.55pm
Dance (GCSE)	En6	6.15 and 8.15
Design and Technology (GCSE)	En7	All sessions
Drama (GCSE)	Ma7	All sessions
Enterprise and Marketing (Tech Award)	Ma11	6.35pm, 7.15pm, 7.55pm
Film Studies (GCSE)	Ma5	6.15pm, 6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm, 7.55pm
Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)	En7	6.15pm, 6.55pm, 7.35pm, 8.15pm
French (GCSE)	La1	All sessions
Geography (GCSE)	En3 and En4	All sessions
German (GCSE)	La3	All sessions
Health & Social Care (Tech Award)	La7	6.15pm, 6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm, 7.55pm
History (GCSE)	En1 and En2	All sessions
Hospitality & Catering (Tech Award)	En7	6.35pm, 7.15pm, 7.55pm
Music (GCSE)	Ma9	6.15pm, 6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm
Photography (GCSE)	Ma1	6.35pm, 7.15pm, 7.55pm
Physical Education (GCSE)	La11 and La12	All sessions
Religious Studies (GCSE)	La5	All sessions
Separate Sciences (GCSE)	La8	6.15pm, 6.35pm, 6.55pm, 7.15pm, 7.35pm
Travel & Tourism (Tech Award)	La2	All sessions