



14 December 2023

RE: Year 9 Options Evening

Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Plymstock School on **Thursday 18 January** for the launch of our Year 9 Options process. The evening runs from **6.15pm to 8.00pm** and you can arrive at any point during the evening. The evening provides you with the opportunity to attend subject specific talks to find out more information about the GCSE courses that are on offer at Plymstock School. We will also be providing advice and guidance to support parents/carers and children in making informed choices about appropriate subjects to study throughout Year 10 and 11.

Students will be provided with our Options Booklet, and this will provide a summary of each subject. All subjects offered from Years 10 and 11 will be represented during the evening, giving you and your child the opportunity to visit the subjects and talk to Subject Leaders about the course on offer. Tutor groups have been assigned to specific information presentations as per the schedule below. The presentations will provide key information about the Options process.

Presentations will take place in the Performing Arts Centre at the following times for Tutor groups:

Presentation timings	Tutor groups
6.15 – 6.45	ADS/LMQ, CAR, CHJ, DMB, EAV & HGW
7.00 – 7.30	JTP, KMS, LAP/GRT, PGB, RES & SLG

When you visit subject areas there will be a series of drop in talks from the Heads of Departments and Subject Leaders to provide you with key information that you will need to make your informed choices. There will also be the opportunity for you to ask questions.

The locations of subjects can also be found below.

Subject	Room	Subject Presentation times
Art	Ma 7	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Business Studies	Ma 10	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
Computer Science	Ma 3	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Design and Technology	Ma 2	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
Drama	Ma 1	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Film Studies	Ma 5	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
French	La 1	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Geography	Ma 4	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
German	La 2	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Health and Social Care	La 9	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
History	Ma 6	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Hospitality and Catering	La 3	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
Music	La 4	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Photography	Ma 7	6.35, 7.10, 7.50

Physical Education	La 5	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Religious Studies	La 8	6.35, 7.10, 7.50
Separate Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Ma 9	6.15, 6.50, 7.10
Travel and Tourism	La 7	6.35, 7.10, 7.50

We have included a timeline of the process that is in place to support you and your child with their Year 9 Options:

Thursday 11 January – Year 9 assembly on the Option process

11-15 January – Tutor time sessions that explore the subjects we offer in Years 10 and 11

Thursday 18 January – Options Information Evening

Thursday 1 February – Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 7 February – Deadline for Year 9 options

21- 29 February – Student interviews with senior leaders to support final decisions

During the Year 9 assembly we will outline the process for students and give advice about how to choose options that will keep your child on a broad and balanced curriculum, whilst ensuring that they can start to think about future ambitions. Following the assembly, students will be given our Options booklet and we encourage you to read through this booklet with your child and to start to form ideas about their choices.

Please use the booklet to plan your evening in advance so that you and your child can make the most of this event to find out more about the subjects they might want to study in years 10 and 11. You can plan the subjects you wish to attend using the grid below.

Subject presentation times	Subject	Room
6.15		
6.35		
6.55		
7.15		
7.35		
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We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 18 January**. Please note that parking is limited on the School site, as we host many community events in the evenings. Finally, please look out for the Curriculum Booklet that your child will bring home.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N. Offer
Deputy Headteacher

