

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a very important time of the year for you, your daughter and all girls in Year 9 as we are concentrating on subject options. The outcome of this will be that girls will choose which subjects they will study over the next two years in Years 10 and 11.

Clearly it is essential that each girl makes the best possible choice for herself, and to help with this the school has set up a programme to ensure that choices are based upon the best possible information. A tutorial programme is already underway which is aimed at helping each girl with general advice on how to make independent choices.

We will be holding an information session on the options available on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon. This will provide all Year 9 girls with the opportunity to speak to staff teaching the range of options available. There will be information about courses and they will emphasise not only the positive aspects of the subjects but the responsibilities and expectations of the pupils. There will also be an opportunity to talk to current Year 10 pupils. Option booklets will be given out during this afternoon. Pupils will be allowed to leave from 2.45pm onwards.

On the same day (**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**) at 6.00pm there will be a Curriculum Information Evening which has been organised for parents/carers of Year 9 girls (the girls' attendance at this is optional). There will be information stalls between 6.00pm and 7.30pm where Heads of Faculty will be available to answer any general questions about curriculum matters. There will also be a short presentation in the hall about the options available and the process for choosing subjects at 6.30pm.

A representative from Youth Connexions will attend this evening and will be available for any queries.

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** there will be a Consultation Evening at which parents/carers will be able to discuss their daughter's progress with her subject teachers. This meeting will run between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

Please note that access to the school building will only be possible from 4.25pm as we will be in the process of setting everything up for the Parents' Evening and parents should use the main entrance to sign in and receive their pack.

I would be grateful if you would confirm by email that you are able to attend these events by **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

Yours sincerely

Dr S Venz  
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