

Our Ref: Y9/IAG

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Options – The Next Few Weeks

Hopefully your child will have been talking to you about making their subject choices at Key Stage 4. Our Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) for the KS4 options process has now begun. We need to emphasise the importance of this and how the decisions your child makes now affects the next two years at Oldbury Wells.

Students have already been given an Options booklet containing information about the subjects that they can choose from, they should hopefully have shown this to you. They have also had a series of assemblies about the different options subjects. Year 9 form tutors will be supporting students and can offer advice and guidance. In addition, Mr Walker, Head of Year 8 & 9, will be available throughout the process, along with our pastoral manager Mrs Burrows and Assistant Headteacher, Mrs K. Barlow.

We would like to invite you to our Year 9 Options Information and Guidance evening, to be held on **Thursday, 6th March 2025** in the **East Hall**. (Please enter school through the East office entrance).

This will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's future KS4 GCSE subject choices with staff. The evening will commence with a short presentation on the options process and your child's KS4 curriculum. Following the presentation, you will be directed to the Sports Hall where you will be able to talk with subject teachers to find out more about the courses we offer at KS4.

To help us avoid congestion we will be holding two presentations. Depending on where you live, we would ask you attend at one of the following times:

- Postcodes starting with WV16 5.30pm presentation
- All other postcode areas 6.15pm presentation

If you are unable to attend the allocated presentation, we kindly ask that you inform us at your earliest convenience so we can advise if there are any spaces at the alternative time.

The Options form, which each student needs to fill out with their final choices, will be given to students during the week of the Options evening. The deadline for completed forms to be submitted is **Friday, 14 March 2025**. Please ensure a Parent/Guardian has confirmed the choices.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this very important Year 9 Evening and can assure you our team of staff will be available to support you and your child throughout the process.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Barlow
Assistant Headteacher

Mr J Walker
Head of Year 8 & 9

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