



**An Ashmole Trust School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 9 GCSE Options**

I am writing to inform you that your child will begin the process of selecting their GCSE choices in the first half of the Spring term in Year 9. You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with subject teachers during Parents' Evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Following this, pupils will begin to find out more about the GCSE options available with a comprehensive series of assemblies and guidance sessions delivered as part of the pastoral programme.

In order for you to support your child with this process, you will be invited to attend our Options Information Evening at Ashmole on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to find out more about the subjects on offer at GCSE. Furthermore, you will receive an options booklet in the Spring term as well as an invitation to an interview with your child to discuss their choices. Finally, your child will begin their chosen GCSE courses after the May half-term in Year 9.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the options available to your child, you can consult the current booklet at the following location on our website:

<https://www.ashmoleacademy.org/page/?title=Year+9+Options&pid=996>

I am confident that our options process will support your child in making the most suitable GCSE choices that will allow them to meet their academic potential. However, if you have any further questions or queries in regards to this process, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Yours faithfully

Ms C Moon  
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