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9th January 2024

Key Stage 4 Options and Options Evening

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we start the new term, you and your child will be making informed decisions about the subjects that they wish to study at Key Stage 4. Students will work towards achieving excellent outcomes on these courses in order to best prepare them for Sixth Form, University and the wider world.

We understand and care passionately about supporting all of our Year 9 students in making the right decisions for them. We acknowledge each child is unique and has their own interests, talents and aspirations. As such, we are aiming to provide a comprehensive Options process that enables students to consider the subjects they enjoy, the subjects they are achieving well in and potential career pathways they may have, even at this stage of their education. Taking all of these factors into account will enable parents and students to make the best decisions on the courses they wish to study.

Students have already experienced their four taster lessons in subjects that they chose to sample that were brand new subjects i.e. not available at Key Stage 3. In addition, you should have received a copy of the 2024 GCSE Options booklet. This is an important document that contains all the information regarding course content, examination requirements, skills needed and potential career pathways for all option subjects available.

Up next, we have our Options Evening event on **Tuesday 23rd, January, 4:30pm until 6:30pm**. This will be an opportunity for families and students to have those important one-to-one conversations with subject specialists regarding the demands of the courses and the suitability of your child to study it at Key Stage 4. There will be a short presentation from myself and Mr. Taylor in the main hall at 4:30pm. From around 4:45pm, you will be able to visit the sports hall and talk to subject teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team. We recommend that you bring the option booklets you received with you as a reference for this evening.

Following this evening, students will each have a personalised 'Options Interview' with either myself or Mr. Taylor to check their choices, and that the right choices are being made for your child. Students will be shown in assembly how to make their choices online. This process will also be shared with parents/carers soon.

Parking will be available at the front of school and on Rocky playground on Wood Lane.

If you should have any questions, the please contact myself or your child's Progress Leader Mr. Taylor - t.truby@kingsmeadschool.net / j.taylor@kingsmeadschool.net



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We look forward to meeting you at Options Evening and working with you and your child to ensure that all our students make the very best decisions for their future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. T. Truby
Assistant Headteacher

Mr. J. Taylor
Year 9 Progress Leader