

NF/MG

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To: Parents of Students in Year 9

Dear Parent(s),

### **Key Stage Transition**

I am writing to give you details of the schedule of events that will be happening during the second half of this academic year to ensure a smooth transition for your son/daughter from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4.

The next few months will be a crucial time for our Year 9 students as they undergo end of Key Stage 3 assessments, receive careers advice and choose their option subjects for Key Stage 4.

To help you to develop an overview of the whole process, I list below the key events that will be affecting your son/daughter:

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| ◆ January-March                              | Student mentoring sessions with tutors                   |
| ◆ Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> February              | KS4 Curriculum Booklet home                              |
| ◆ Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 4.00-7.30 pm   | Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening and interim reports |
| ◆ Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30-9.00 pm | Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (KS4 Options)        |
| ◆ Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> March                 | KS3 PSE Day, including careers activities for Year 9     |
| ◆ Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March                 | Option forms returned                                    |
| ◆ May-June                                   | Year 9 subject assessments                               |
| ◆ Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Year 9 reports posted home                               |

So as to give you advance information regarding the option subjects available to students next year, overleaf you will find a Year 9 Options information sheet. Detailed information regarding each course will be available in the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Booklet.

I shall write to you again nearer the time to invite you to the Parents' Information meeting in March.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Master

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**Year 9 Options 2010**

**Options subjects** (students choose 3 subjects from the following provisional list)

Art  
Business Studies  
Catering  
Creative & Media Diploma+  
Dance  
Drama  
Electronics  
French  
Geography  
Graphics  
History  
ICT – Diploma in Digital Applications (DiDA)\*  
Industrial Technology  
Music (BTEC)  
Music (GCSE)  
PE  
Resistant Materials  
Russian  
Spanish  
Textiles

(Students also choose three reserve subjects from the above list)

- All options are single options, i.e. 5 periods per fortnight, except Creative & Media Diploma which is double.
- +Because of the structure of the Creative & Media Diploma, it is only available for students predicted to achieve an A\*-C pass in English, Maths and ICT.
- Students selected to take the Triple Science Course (Set 1) choose two options only. These two options may not include the Creative & Media Diploma.
- \*All students will study the Certificate in Digital Applications (CiDA) in ICT. It is a double award worth 2 GCSE passes. If they choose ICT as an option as well, they will study for the Diploma in Digital Applications (DiDA) which is worth 4 GCSE passes.
- Where students wish to choose a language (or two languages), they must choose from languages that they have studied this year.