

Year 9 Parent Notes

This week the Options process was launched to Year 9 students. Students attended an assembly on Wednesday. During the assembly students were offered advice on how to determine which subjects would be a suitable option for them and some reasons to not pick a subject.

They were also introduced to the subjects of Business Studies, Health & Social Care and Child Development as these are not subjects that are taught in Key Stage 3. It was explained to students that there are subjects everyone has to take such as English and Maths, subjects that most would take for example a Humanities and a Modern Foreign Language and then they would have two free options to choose any subject they like.

One of the main themes of the assembly was about students ensuring that they kept a broad curriculum for their GCSEs to ensure that they keep as many options open for the future such as A-Level courses, and possibly even as far as University subjects. The presentation used during the assembly can be found via the link on the Year 9 section of the school bulletin.

To help make this decision, there will also be a Curriculum Guide. This Curriculum Guide is full of information about every course available at Oxted School and we suggest that students read it carefully for the subjects they are interested in. There will be hard copies available in every tutor room which can be borrowed to take home overnight to save the entire booklet being printed out at home.

Y9options@oxtedschool.co.uk has been set up for students and parents to be able to email with any questions or queries about the Options process. Please contact us, no matter how insignificant the question might seem, we want parents and students to feel that they have access to support throughout the Options process.

This week all subject teachers will be inputting the next set of grades for our Year 9 students highlighting what grades they are currently working at. This means that we are aiming for the Year 9 grades sheets being sent home at the end of next week.

It would be hugely beneficial if you have meaningful conversations with your son/daughter after they have been sent home with a view to what this potentially means about the Options they are thinking of taking. This half term is all about self-reflection for Year 9 students, about picking the right subjects for them based upon their own grades. If they want to take a certain subject at GCSE does their Flight Path Grade reflect this? If not, what other Options could there be? What needs to happen quickly so that they can take that subject if they are sure it is the one for them?

Thank you for your continued support.

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