

Year 9 Parent Notes

Oxted School is one of the largest Duke of Edinburgh cohorts in the UK and offers a fantastic opportunity that many of our students take up to teach them valuable life skills and to look fantastic on their CV!

This week's assembly was taken by Mrs Banwell, launching the process for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. On Tuesday 14 November from 6.30pm a parent information evening for Duke of Edinburgh will be held in the Main Hall, for parents of any students interested and wanting to find out more.

At last week's Progress Review Evening there were several questions from parents regarding the options process. The Progress Review Evening was the beginning of this process, where students should have started to have conversations with parents and teachers about which subjects they are considering and whether they are suitable for the student.

Between now and January there are a number of careers events happening at school to educate students about the different vocations available to them, before they have to make their final decisions in February.

Future Friday presentations have now started, where various outside speakers from different industries and careers come to speak to a group of students during period 5 on Friday. Numbers are limited at these talks, so students must sign up with their tutor when they are advertised in tutor time.

In December Year 9 will complete a workshop looking at the skills needed to be good at decision making. This is prior to the options launch assembly that will take place in January. The assembly will also be uploaded to the school website for parents to access, as it will include an abundance of information about the options process and subjects available for students for GCSE.

At this time a few hard copies of the options booklet will also be kept in tutor rooms, which includes an abundance of information about each subject and all of the courses offered at school. Students will be able to take the booklets home for a short period to enable discussions about options at home.

At this point, students will have a 'Next Steps' interview with their form tutor, Progress Leader or senior member of staff. These one to one interviews are to discuss option choices being considered and possible career paths.

Finally on Thursday 25 January, the Options Evening will be held where students and parents can come and speak to subject teachers about the different courses on offer and about their suitability for the students.

We hope that this process and all of the information given to students and parents throughout the year allows students to make educated choices for their GCSEs.

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