

Year 9 Parent Notes

Year 9 students have now received their reports which they should use and reflect on in order to make responsible GCSE options. The year assembly this week was taken by Mr Bennett and Mr O'Flynn to explain the changes to ATL (Approach to Learning) grades to students, therefore please do not be alarmed if your son/daughter's ATL's have changed significantly since last term. A document outlining the grade descriptors is linked under the Year 9 section of the school bulletin.

This week Options evening took place on Thursday. This was a really positive event with many great conversations being had between students, parents and teachers. Hopefully students are now feeling confident and are able to make educated choices that are right for them. If you still have questions about specific courses, please speak to the subject teacher and/or check the Curriculum Guide: www.oxtedschool.org/133/gcse-options-2018

For students to consider where their option choices can lead to in terms of A-Levels, college, internships and careers. This website has lots of useful information regarding all post-16 options which would be worth exploring: <https://www.careersadviceinsurrey.co.uk/options/>

Students should now be entering their option choices online. They have all been sent a registration email to their school account with instructions on how to enter their option choices online. We suggest that when they choose their options you sit with them. Tutors were also trained how to use the software so should be a first port of call if there are any issues. Once all students' options have been processed, we will be able to send a copy of your child's choices to you in order that you can confirm that you are happy. This is likely to take place towards the end of term. **The deadline for making options is Friday 9 February.**

Our dedicated email address Y9options@oxtedschool.co.uk is 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

Thank you for your continued support.

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