

Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening - Tuesday 23rd January 4pm - 6.30pm

11th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 students are about to enter a very important phase in their education and the time is fast approaching when options have to be made which will shape their programme of study in years 10 and 11.

In order to support you with this process, we will be hosting the Year 9 Parents' evening in-person at school on Tuesday 23rd January 4.30pm to 6.30pm. We would also like to invite you to attend a short explanation of the Options process before or after the Year 9 Parents' Evening. The talks will take place at 4pm and 6.30pm.

Our careers advisor will also be on hand to offer further support and guidance, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Our KS4 structure has been designed to enable our students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum which consists of a number of subjects; some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. Year 9 students will be receiving information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents and carers, your help in supporting this process is essential.

Year 9 students will be enjoying options taster sessions exploring a selection of courses available to them and learning how these subjects link to future career paths. They will be advised about the Options process in seminars and this will be followed with options booklets being distributed with descriptions of the courses offered. Options forms will be sent out for students to complete by Friday 2nd February.

Timetabling and staffing the options is a complex process and whilst we try our best to accommodate choices, occasionally this proves impossible. It is with this in mind that we also ask your child to highlight reserve choices in case any courses become unavailable.

We know this is an exciting time for our students who will be eager to find out their allocated timetables and we hope to achieve this before the end of May. For the moment though, our main priority is to ensure that all our students are effectively guided and supported through the option process in readiness for successful years 10 and 11 and onwards.

Please follow the below steps to book your parents' evening appointments

- To make your appointments please login at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/newsome>
- Follow the set-up instructions below
- You will be able to book appointments until **Monday 21st January** when bookings will close.



Log-In

- Your first name and surname
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth
- The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

Details

- Appointments will be available to book during the selected teachers' available meeting slots.
- After you have made your appointments, you can print or receive confirmation via email.

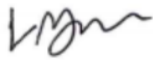


Remember, you can always get in touch with our Curriculum Leads - these and the Pastoral Leads are all listed on our website or by [clicking here](#).

- **English:** Mrs Berry, sberry@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Maths:** Ms Moulavasili, cmoulavasili@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Science:** Mr Frisby, afrisby@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Languages:** Mrs Fox, rfox@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Humanities:** Mr Carr, tcarr@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Creative & Performing Arts:** Ms Cole, ecole@newsomeacademy.co.uk
- **Year 9 Head of Year:** Mrs Sykes, hsykes@newsomeacademy.co.uk

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me lmorgan@newsomeacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



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