

6 February 2023

Dear Year 9 Nicholas Chamberlaine families,

Our Year 9 students are rapidly approaching the point where they will be asked to make decisions about KS4 Options.

We offer a broad range of subjects, some of which will be familiar to students and some of which they may never have encountered. All of our courses are taught by subject experts with years of successful experience.

Each choice a student makes is a two-year commitment to a course that will end in a formal qualification. Being able to make choices about next steps is exciting, but also can seem a little daunting and it is important for school and families to work together, supporting students to make the best choices for their future.

The following will be of use to help you make the best decisions.

## **1) Nicholas Chamberlaine School Options Website.**

We have added a new area to our school website dedicated specifically to supporting Y9 students as they make their Options choices.

Navigate to <https://sites.google.com/nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk/gcseoptions2023/home> to find a huge range of purpose-made short videos, guidance information for students and families and sample tasks illustrative of the nature of the work involved within Options subjects.

## **2) Nicholas Chamberlaine School Options Choice/Meet the Tutor evening event - Thursday 16th February.**

We would like to invite you to a GCSE Options Choice Information Evening, held in school on Thursday 16/02/23 between 16:30-19:00.

The evening will feature:

- A short introductory talk explaining the Options Choice process, delivered by the Senior Leadership team. The talk will be held twice, once at 17:00 and again at 18:00.
- An appointment to review current progress with Form Tutors, including where engagement is going well and possible next steps for further improvement in preparation for transition into Y10 and the onset of GCSE courses.
- Opportunities to meet Subject Leaders for Options subjects and ask any questions that you may have about possible choices, including the nature and content of the work to be covered and how the course can support progression into Post 16 and Post 18 education.
- Opportunities to meet Outreach representatives from the University of Coventry who will be happy to discuss progression pathways and help draw up future plans.
- A drop-in facility to meet with our SENCO, Ms Roberts.

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To book your appointment slot with your child's tutor, please use the link below. Appointments are 6 minutes in length, held in school.

**Booking opens at 6:00pm Tuesday 7th February** and closes at 6:00pm on 14th February: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/nicholaschamberlaine>

If you cannot attend, please contact your child's tutor.

Please read the instructions below, of how to book and attend your appointments. If you have any issues booking, please contact Ms Minty: [n.minty@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk](mailto:n.minty@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk)

To login you will need to enter:

- 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/your child. In the case where your child uses a preferred name, please log in using their **legal** name.

Kind regards,



P. Walker  
Assistant Head