



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Parents and Options Evening

Thursday 17th March

4pm – 7pm

We are approaching an important milestone in your child's education here at Halewood Academy, as in September, students will enter Key Stage 4 and begin their chosen GCSE courses.

Over the next few weeks, students will be receiving advice during assembly, form time and in their lessons about the subjects that are available to study at Key Stage 4. In addition to this, there is an options booklet available on the school website that outlines all the courses that we are offering as a school. As you will be aware, some subjects will be compulsory and others can be opted into. The information provided will outline the learning content of the courses on offer, the assessment procedures and links to future career pathways. In addition, there are short video clips for each subject that offer an alternative method by which you can get an overview of each course.

Our Year 9 Parents/Options Evening will be taking place on Thursday 17th March where you will be provided with the valuable opportunity to meet and speak to your child's teachers to discuss their attainment and progress. These conversations will help you and your child to make informed option choices. During to evening, you will also be able to review samples of classwork and coursework to further increase your awareness of the requirements of each GCSE course.

On arrival, you will receive a copy of your child's option pathway which has been decided upon based on their individual needs, abilities and aspirations. Staff will be available on the evening to explain the rationale for the pathway on offer and will be able to talk you through the option form choice form that needs to be completed. They will be asked to provide first and reserve choices, as depending on numbers, it cannot always be guaranteed that all courses will run. The deadline for completion and it's return to your child's class teacher will be Friday, 1st April.

Whilst the curriculum provided is broad and balanced, we have also taken into account the impact of Covid 19 and ensured we have provided enough learning time across the options to ensure students can achieve well. As you look through the options booklet, we hope that you agree that it offers some exciting opportunities for your child that will challenge them to work hard, focus on their learning, promote their love of learning and enable them to exceed their potential and to 'seek the best' in everything that they do.

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Please complete and return the reply slip below to confirm your attendance and return to your child's Form Tutor by the Friday, 11th March.

We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child makes well-informed choices to support their continued journey beyond Halewood Academy.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs J Thomson
Vice Principal

Deadline for Return – Friday 11th March

Name of child _____ Form _____

*I will/will not be attending the Yr 9 Parents/Options Evening on Thursday 17th March 2022 (*Please delete as applicable)

Signed _____ Parent/carer

Contact Number _____

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