

December 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Subject Consultation / Options Evening - Wednesday 27th January 2010, 4 – 7pm
Forms 9K, 9I, 9N, 9G, 9S, 9X

We are writing to invite you and your child to the Year 9 Subject Consultation and Options Evening.

The aim of the evening will be to:

- Meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss his/her progress
- Provide an opportunity to discuss possible Year 10 and 11 options choices with subject teachers

Appointments with subject teachers will take place in the Upper School Hall and in surrounding classrooms. Appointments will last approximately 5 minutes each and an appointment sheet will be issued to your child early next term. Please encourage your child to make appointments with as many staff as possible, especially for subjects he/she wishes to study in Year 10 and 11.

In DS1 and A1 you will find 'subject stalls' with information on the **new** subjects your child can opt for. It is anticipated that for option subjects that represent a continuation from Year 9, discussion about possible options choices will take place during the subject teacher appointments. Mrs Moore (Head of Curriculum Support) will also be available should you wish to discuss anything with her, as will representatives from Connexions.

A presentation with general information on the options process will take place at 4.15, 5.00, 5.45 and 6.15pm in the Learning Resource Centre. The presentation will last approximately 10 minutes and you may therefore wish to ask your child to keep a time slot free for one of the presentations.

Your child will be bringing home an Options Booklet next week, which is an initial source of information about the range of subjects available to study in Year 10 and 11, as well as an Options Form that must be completed and returned by **Friday 5th February 2010**.

We are sure that you and your child will find the evening and Options Booklet beneficial and we hope that this will help you in what is an important time in your child's education.

Finally, the **Carol Service** will be held at St James' Church on **Wednesday 16th December 2009** and you are warmly invited to be part of this festive event at which everyone is welcome. Also a reminder that the **last day of term** is **Friday 18th December 2009**. Students who wish to attend the Staff Pantomime will need to purchase tickets from the finance office and those not attending will be dismissed from tutor groups at 1.30pm. The Learning Resource Centre will also be open until 3.30pm to accommodate students unable to leave early.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and to thank you for your support this term.

Yours sincerely

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Year 9 Leader

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Assistant Year 9 Leader