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Year 9 Options 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 9 options have now been launched! Last week, Mr Jackson and I delivered an extended assembly to all pupils and explained the Options process, shared the timeline for completion, and signposted the support and guidance they can access to help them through the process.

Our next event is Thursday 8th February – I look forward to welcoming those students, parents & carers who will be joining us and have returned the request for Options Evening. This important evening offers the opportunity to hear from up to six different subject areas and ask questions of subject leaders. It is hoped the evening will assist in giving further information to help narrow down any difficult choices in reaching the final 4 preferences for the formal options form; this will form the basis of your child's formal preference for 2024 to 2026.

Today, your child will be bringing home with them:

- Your workshop allocations (if applicable) for our Options evening. The invitation will also list the room for each presentation and have a map included to help you navigate the school site. At the end of each presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions and a bell will ring to indicate a 5-minute changeover time to ensure you are able to hear all of the presentations you have requested. Due to the high number of students and parents wishing to attend and limited classroom space, we please ask that numbers are limited to no more than two guests per child;
 - A copy of our Options Handbook [here](#)*
 - A copy of the Options form [here](#)*
- (* electronic copies can be found by clicking the links)

If you are unable to join us on Thursday, then I would like to direct you to the Options area on the Thomas Keble School website [here](#).

We also encourage students and parents to view the Careers area of the website and consider potential future plans and Post 16 education, when undertaking the Options process: [Careers Information](#)

We should like to remind you there is a dedicated email to which all completed Option Forms should be returned: options@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk. The dates for your diary are:

- Thursday 22nd February – Year 9 Parents evening;
- Friday 8th March – Deadline for Final Options forms to be returned.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Options and Year 9 Parents Evening, and supporting your child to make their option choice process as smooth as possible.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Rossiter'.

Claire Rossiter
Assistant Head