

Contact: Mrs Fernando

Ref: SST/RFE

13th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you regarding Year 9 parents evening and the GCSE options process.

Year 9 parents evening serves as an important aid in helping your son/daughter choose their GCSE Options. A reminder that parents evening will commence tonight (**Thursday 13th April 2023**) and will give you the opportunity to speak to your child's subject teachers to guide them in making the correct decisions.

We will be collecting options choices from your son/daughter online. Please be aware that the deadline for all options choices is **Thursday 20th April 2023**. This will allow us adequate time to timetable ready for the new academic year.

Detailed options information can be found on our website [here](#) along with curriculum structure. We would advise you to go through all of the information on our website with your son/daughter so you have a clear idea of the subjects we offer. To help support your discussions with your child we have provided:

- The Brooke Weston Key Stage 4 Options Booklet detailing all the courses we offer
- A range of videos from our Heads of Departments outlining each course, information about whether it would suit your son/daughter and future career prospects

Please refer to the wealth of information provided on our website, but in summary the following will need to be considered and chosen by your son/daughter in discussions with you. If they require further support and advice then please contact your child's tutor. Your child will also receive a careers appointment with our careers advisor to help support them with their decision.

The main areas that need to be considered are the following:

1. We have an Academic curriculum based on the English Baccalaureate (English, maths, science, humanities and languages). This will continue into Year 10 and your child will continue to study the language that they currently study (either French or Spanish) but will need to **choose** whether to continue studying either History or Geography.
2. If students choose to study triple science, only **one** other optional subject may be selected.
3. All Students will continue to study Religious Education and Physical Education.
4. Students need to select **TWO optional subjects** for their GCSE study and will study these chosen subjects throughout year 10 and year 11. Although we always work hard to ensure students get their choices, there is always a small chance that due to subject numbers and/or option blocks we will be unable to. If this happens, we will be in contact with your son/daughter in order to finalise their choices.

5. Subject Entry Criteria

To study the following subjects your son/daughter must adhere to the entry criteria:

- **Computer Science** – must achieve Extended or above in mathematics
- **Triple Science** – must achieve Extended or above in science
- **Business Studies** – must achieve Extended or above in English

I would like to reiterate the importance of you taking the time to have these conversations with your child regarding their GCSE Options. Year 10 and 11 are vitally important for students and it is essential that they have selected the right subjects in order to access appropriate further education, training and/or apprenticeships.

Students need to complete the online options form by **Thursday 20th April 2023** in order complete the options process: [Year 10 Options Form](#)

As mentioned earlier in this letter, more information will follow on parents evening. However, if you have any further questions in the meantime please contact roisin.fernando@brookeweston.org.

Yours sincerely



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Principal