



13th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options

Our Year 9 students have reached a very important stage in their education where they need to make decisions about which subjects they will continue to study during Key Stage 4 in Years 10 and 11. The options process is exciting but requires very careful decision making. To aid with these decisions, students have studied a careers unit in PSHE before Christmas and we are putting in place the following opportunities over the coming months:

- **Options assembly, booklet and videos** – Students will have an options assembly and receive a booklet which will take them through the options process at Nova. There will also be videos available introducing each subject.
- **Parent/Carer Options Evening** – This will be a live opportunity for you to hear from us about the compulsory Key Stage 4 curriculum and the range of options available for your child as parents and carers. It will be designed to help you understand how you can support your child through the process this year. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions if you wish.
- **Careers week assemblies** – The week beginning 3rd February is national careers week. During this week students will be hearing about careers and routes into the world of work.
- **Parents Evening** - this is an excellent opportunity to talk with your child's tutor and discuss potential strengths that might help inform options choices.

The timeline for the options process will be as follows:

Week beginning 3rd February

- Options process launch assemblies
- National careers week assembly and unifrog sessions in PSHE and tutor time.
- Wednesday 5th February – Options Evening – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Week beginning 10th February

- Thursday 13th February – Year 9 Parents Evening
- Options booklets handed out
- Options forms released (shared on Microsoft Forms)

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- Specific options assemblies

Week beginning 10th March

- Wednesday 12th March – Options forms due in

Much more information will be available in the extensive options booklet which we will share with you and your child when you attend parents evening and get your child's BiE results. We hope to see you on 5th February for Options Evening and 13th February for Parents Evening.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Unwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs S Unwin
Senior Vice Principal