

13th February 2018

KS4 Options Evening
5.30pm Thursday 1st March
Hyde Community College

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, KS4 students at Hyde Community College are offered a broad and balanced curriculum which mainly consists of a number examined subjects. Some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. Students receive information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents and carers your help in supporting this process is essential.

Options booklets will be available to students this week to begin considering the courses offered, although students should resist the temptation to start making any decisions until they receive their options form. The form will highlight which choices are suitable and available to them.

We would like to invite you to our “**Options Evening**” at **5.30pm on Thursday 1st March**. There will be a talk in the activities suite outlining the options process, the framework within which choices must be made for your child and information about the increased challenge of new GCSE exams. This will be followed by an opportunity to circulate round a market place of stalls, staffed by teachers who are subject specialists, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Individual **options forms will be handed out** to students on **2nd March** during form period.

Year 9 Parents’ Evening takes place the following week on **Thursday 8th March**, where you will be able to speak to your son’s/daughter’s class teachers. This will also help to guide student choices.

The **deadline for returning options forms** is **1pm Wednesday 14th March**. Following this, options interviews will take place within a fortnight for those parents who request one.

Timetabling and staffing the options is a complex process and whilst we try our best to accommodate sensible options, occasionally this proves impossible. If problems arise we will look at reserve choices and contact you. We hope to be in a position to finalise next year’s timetable by the beginning of July, when we will inform students of their final options.

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