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Dear parents/carers

Year 9 GCSE Options

As you are aware students in year 9 will shortly be asked to choose their KS4 option subjects.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the year 9 options evening for students and parents/carers on Thursday 23 February 2012. Due to the number of students in year 9 the evening will start at 6.30pm for M half tutor groups (9DAS, 9GAG, 9TDH, 9WZG) and 7.15pm for C half tutor groups (9AC, 9DF, 9JCD, 9KJ, 9SJB) in Waynflete Hall. On this evening Mr Nelson and I will be explaining the options process and subject staff will be present to answer questions and provide details of the range of subjects on offer. The evening is scheduled to finish at 9.00pm.

The process of students selecting their options will start on Tuesday February 7th, our next Extended Learning Day with a presentation to students and a number of taster sessions in subjects which are new to the students. Students will then take part in a number of activities designed to support the decision making process in form time. This programme will provide opportunities for students to analyse their skills and interests and match them to the subjects on offer. .

To provide further guidance each student will have an interview with their tutor or a member of the senior staff to discuss the options available to them and help ensure they make informed decisions. It would be very helpful if students could discuss their preferences at home before these interviews. This is part of a comprehensive package of guidance and support to ensure appropriate choices are made which will lead to the best outcomes for our students

The completed option form will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15th March 2012.

Should you have any questions or concerns following the options evening please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Nelson or your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely

S J Robson
Deputy Headteacher i/c curriculum

