



The Ripley Academy

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8th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

As you are aware, your child will be starting their Key Stage 4 GCSE courses in September 2020. We will be beginning the options process with your child this week. Unlike previous years, there will be no subjects blocked against each other and so students will have a free choice of six subjects in order of preference. These will then be reduced to four final choices based on the feasibility of groupings. It is hoped that this will enable students to study the subjects they genuinely want to, rather than from a limited combination of option blocks.

There are a number of important events relating to the option's process which are designed to give yourself and your child as much information, support and guidance in making the most appropriate choices for their future. The dates and events are as follows:

Friday 10 January 2020

Year 9 Assembly: Options booklets issued to Year 9 students

Tuesday 14 January 2020

Year 9 Parents Options Information Evening: 6-7.30pm

- o 6.00pm-6.20pm: **Presentation to Parents/Carers** about Curriculum and Options. (The Suite, new building)
- o 6.00pm-7.30pm: **Subject displays and information** about Key Stage 4 courses. (Refectory)

Wednesday 29 January 2020

Year 9 Parents Evening: An opportunity to discuss the suitability of options choices with subject teachers.

Thursday 30 January –

Friday 7 February 2020

Options Application Forms returned via form tutors who will check them before passing them on to Miss Scattergood.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Information evening where you will be able to discuss subject related questions with relevant subject staff.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

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