



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



Executive Headteacher: **Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)**
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8th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening Tuesday 14th January 5.30 – 7.00pm

I am writing to invite you to the Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening on Tuesday 14th January from 5.30 – 7pm

This is an important part of the options process. During the evening there will be a short presentation detailing the GCSE option process and making well-informed decisions leading to the right subject choices. The evening will also provide an opportunity to speak with curriculum and subject leaders to find out more about each course. Our Careers Advisor will be available on the evening for advice on planning ahead for Post 16 and Post 18 pathways.

The presentation will begin promptly in the Suite at **5.30pm** and will be repeated at **6.10pm**. Parents are free to attend either talk and will have the opportunity to talk to subject leaders in the Sports Hall throughout the rest of the evening.

We aim to support our students in making informed choices that are right for them. All students will receive an options handbook following their assembly on Wednesday 8th January. These provide essential information regarding the courses available. It would be useful to look through the handbook prior to the Options Information Evening.

The Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th January provides an opportunity to discuss both your child's progress, and course suitability with subject teachers.

A reminder that the options application will open on **Thursday 30th January** with the **deadline** for online returns on **Monday 3rd February**. Please note that whilst we always strive to provide students with their first four option choices this cannot always be guaranteed. Option choices will be finalised in the summer term.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the options process, and we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Thawley
Deputy Headteacher

