



Dear Parent/Carer

1st February 2023

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
THURSDAY 9th February 2023
5.30 PM TO 7.30 PM

On Thursday the 9th of February the school will be holding an Open Evening to present our Key Stage Four GCSE courses. Year 9 students and parents/carers are invited to attend to help shape the choice of options subjects they will take from September 2023.

This Options Evening is an opportunity to look at departmental displays and to talk to subject staff and students who are currently studying the courses. Students will be encountering some subjects not previously taught at Key Stage 3 and you may welcome this opportunity to find out more about these and the exact GCSE content in other subjects. Department displays and staff will be available from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Please allow yourself enough time to visit all the subjects that interest your child either before or after the presentation detailed below.

The presentation in the hall will outline the process of the option system and provide you with a full explanation of the choices students will need to make (Please see the sheet attached to this letter). Please attend the correct presentation for your son / daughter's house in order to reduce congestion.

PRESENTATION IN THE HALL

Year 9 Boot & Clough Tutor groups – 6.00 pm

Year 9 Lawrence & Nightingale Tutor groups – 6.30 pm

If you wish to access the **Options booklet 2023 – 2025** prior to the evening, a digital copy is available and on the school website, as well as video presentations about each of the option subjects. You will find these in the 'Curriculum' section <https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/keystage4options>. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th February.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Park
Head of School



What Option choices will need to be made?

Year 9 students will be advised to take either the **Main Option pathway** or the **English Baccalaureate pathway**. The pack you will receive for your son / daughter when you arrive at Options evening will have the relevant option form for them. The difference between the two pathways is to do with Modern Foreign Languages. Mr Park will explain the English Baccalaureate fully in the presentation.

Main Option pathway students will need to make the following choices:

Compulsory Option	Geography		History	
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Select **three** further subjects from the table below. You will also need **two** reserves

Full English Baccalaureate pathway students will need to make the following choices:

Compulsory Option	Geography		History	
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Language Option	French		German		Spanish	
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Select **two** further subjects from the table below. You will also need **two** reserves.

Option Subjects
Art & Design GCSE
Business Studies GCSE
GCSE in Computing Science
OCR Cambridge National in Information Technologies
Drama GCSE
D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE
D & T Graphics GCSE
D & T Resistant Materials GCSE
D & T Textiles GCSE
French GCSE
German GCSE
OCR Cambridge National in Health & Social Care
History GCSE
Media Studies GCSE
Music GCSE
OCR Cambridge National in Sports Studies
Physical Education GCSE
Religious Studies GCSE
Spanish GCSE
Triple Science GCSE (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)

