



January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

OPTIONS IN YEAR 10

This letter accompanies the Year 10 Options Form (for courses starting in September 2019) which is to be returned to Form Tutors by **Friday 1st February**. This is a very important month for Year 9 students as they choose their GCSE Options which will shape the rest of their academic lives and will have a major bearing on their future careers. Clearly the large core ensures a healthy breadth of study, but equally clearly some GCSE selections will open up one branch of study whilst closing down another. The Options Booklet will give you a good background to all the available courses, and students will receive briefings within their normal lessons, but of equal importance are the two Year 9 Parents' Evenings.

The Options Evening on **Thursday 24th January** (4:30PM) will begin with a short presentation in the Centenary Hall, followed by a chance to meet teachers in their departmental areas to discuss details of courses. The compulsory GCSE subjects (English, Mathematics, Religious Studies and Science) will NOT be represented at the Options Evening. The initial presentation will be repeated at 6.30 PM. In addition to the Options Evening, a Year 10 Options Booklet will soon be available to download from the TBGS website.

The Parents' Consultation Evening on **Wednesday 30th January** and the issuing of Year 9 Profiles, will provide a comprehensive update on students' progress and the opportunity to explore further the wisdom of choosing certain options.

We look forward to seeing you at these evenings. If you should have any general queries about options in Year 10, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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