



## Year 9 Entry Exams and Guided Options 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware we are approaching a very important time in your child's academic career. After half term we will be undertaking Year 9 entry examinations in the EBacc subjects and our Guided Options process which will help to prepare your child for their Key Stage 4 studies from September 2024 onwards. I would like to outline exactly what we will be doing during this period so that you can see how we will be supporting your child to make these important decisions.

### Key Dates

**w/c Mon 4th March**

#### Entry Examinations

Year 9 students are undertaking examinations in English, Maths, History/Geography and French (Red pathway only for French). The examinations will be held in the sports hall under exam conditions. This is to prepare your child for their linear GCSE examinations. Students will be given an examination timetable and support and advice with regards to revision and preparation for the exams.

**Thursday 7th March**

#### Option Interviews

Every child in Year 9 will be interviewed by a member of our Guided Options Team. We will look at a range of performance and attendance data and will discuss with your child what courses they may be interested in doing and what they may be best suited to. They will be issued with their Options Form at this interview. Students will also be issued with an Options Booklet which will have a significant amount of information about which courses we are offering.

**Thursday 7th March**

#### Year 9 Guided Options Open Evening (4.30-6.30pm)

This is always a very popular night as it affords both students and their parent/carers the opportunity to speak to the staff who deliver the courses first hand. Examples of student's work will be on show and, running alongside this, there will be presentations tailored to each of our pathways detailing exactly how the Guided Options process works at the following times. Also in attendance will be Miss Winter, our careers adviser, as well as representatives from some of our local colleges.



Blue Pathway 5.00pm in Performance Hall

Green Pathway 5.00pm in D2

White Pathway 5.40pm in D2

Red Pathway 5.40pm in Performance Hall

The evening is running from 4.30pm but feel free to plan your visit around the time of the relevant presentation.

## Tuesday 19th March

### Deadline for handing in Options Forms

Any forms completed prior to this date can be handed in to Student Services at any time. All forms must be submitted to student services by 9am this date. Any student handing in a late form may miss out on their preferred option choices.

### Information on the school website

The school website offers an information video from myself explaining how the process is undertaken along with a range of videos on the subjects offered by each faculty. Students will be watching these in school over the next few weeks but I would encourage you to have a look at the website along with your child to see what courses they may be interested in.

<https://www.acklamgrange.org.uk/year-9-options/>

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me 01642 277700 or indeed by email using the address at the foot of the letter.

Regards

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