



Moorside High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, at this stage of Year 9, it is time to consider students' choices for KS4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure you that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the Year 9 Choices process.

To help support you and your child in making these important decisions, we would like to invite parents/carers to a **Choices Information Evening** on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 5.30pm**. On this evening, we will talk you through a brief presentation explaining the process and what subjects are available for your child to take.

Some key dates in the upcoming choices process are:

- **5th March 2026: Year 9 Parents' Evening 15:30-18:00.** (This is an extremely important Parents' Evening so that you can be well-informed about your child's progress in their subjects and ask any additional questions you may have about Year 9 Choices). This will be face to face with bookings via school cloud, more information will be circulated nearer the time.
- **21st January: Year 9 Choices Evening.** (For parents/carers only) – we look forward to seeing you there at 5.30pm.
- **19th – 30th January: Year 9 Choices assemblies.** (These are for students only and will inform students about those subjects at KS4 they won't have studied before or may be unfamiliar with). Please ensure your child is in full attendance for these weeks.
- **13th February: Student Leadership Team to visit forms.** The current Year 11 student will present to year 9 form groups about their option choices, the importance of choosing wisely and how to fill out the options form.
- **Week Beginning 5th January: Year 9 Choices Interviews.** (These will take place with either a senior member of staff, a Head of Year, Transition Lead or our Careers Advisor. Your child should carefully think about their choices prior to this interview to get the most from their session).
- **9th March: Deadline for the Year 9 Choices form.** Parents should oversee the completion of this form to ensure they are aware of their child's choices.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Birchall (Head of Year 9) or myself, Mr Gibbins (Transition Lead). We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 21st January at 5.30pm.

Kind Regards

Mr Gibbins

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