

Options Evening

Dear Parent / Carer,

May 2019

Year 9 is an important transition year from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. To support this transition we are making the move to give students some limited choices in the subjects that they study from the start of year 9. This will mean that they study 3 “creative” subjects rather than continuing with a smaller amount of all of the subjects.

We are asking that all students choose 5 subjects from the following list (in order of preference). We will then endeavour to meet as many student requests as is possible within timetable constraints so that each student has just 3 of the following list of subjects. All students must pick at least one creative subject (C) in their top 3.

- Art (C)
- Art Textiles (C)
- Hospitality & Catering (C)
- Drama (C)
- Music (C)
- Design Technology (C)
- Business
- Computing
- ICT
- Health & Social Care
- PE
- Dance

In addition to this all students will need to choose between:

- French or
- Spanish

During year 9 students will then make their final option choices for the GCSE and Vocational courses that they wish to study. By limiting the subjects that they are studying at the start of year 9 students will gain a fuller insight into the subjects that they are interested in at KS4. **Not studying a subject at the start of year 9 does not eliminate the choice from the final options process. The GCSE content will not begin on any course until after the final option choices have been made in year 9.**

To support students in making these choices we are running an information session **at 6.00pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 5th June**. These sessions will include how to make the choices, with the **deadline for completion being 9am Monday 10th June 2019**. Alongside the information session students and parents have an opportunity to visit the relevant curriculum areas to find out more about each course. The 15 minute sessions in each subject area are invaluable in finding out about the content of the courses and what you will be learning. The evening will end at 8.00pm.

Please book your place/places at the event, using the online booking system at <https://bewdleyschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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