

Ref: CR/TOM

17th January 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 Options 2025

We will shortly be formally commencing our activities to support your child in choosing their KS4 options subjects. You will soon receive a copy of the handbook for options to support you and your child through this process.

One of the key dates is **Thursday 6th February and this is when the Y9 Options Information Evening takes place. The evening runs between 6:00pm and 8:30pm** and offers the opportunity to hear from up to 6 different subject areas and ask questions of subject leaders. It is hoped the evening will assist in giving information to help narrow down any difficult choices in reaching the final 4 preferences for the options form, and this will form the basis of your child's formal preference for 2025 to 2027.

In order to make the arrangements for the evening, I would ask you to consider which workshops you would like to attend and to indicate these by completing the online form here [Workshop Preferences](#)

Your preferences need to be returned by **Friday 24th January**. Your choices will be collated and you will then be sent a personalised programme for the evening. The evening will end with a presentation, to offer guidance on navigating the options process.

On Tuesday 4th February 2024, a dedicated area will launch on our school website. You will receive a direct link to this area via School Comms. The area will contain access to:

- A digital copy of our options handbook;
- Links to our Post 16 provider websites to assist with decision-making. [Thomas Keble School - Careers Curriculum](#)

In addition, there will be a dedicated email address, available between 3rd February 2025 and 30th May 2025. This email will enable you to submit specific questions about Options, and will support quick responses to any queries. The email for all options enquiries is: options@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk

The options process can be a confusing time for families, particularly if you are supporting your eldest child through the process for the first time. However, rest assured, we are here to support you at each step of the way.

If your child receives additional support through Learning Support via an Education, Health and Care Plan, please note that members of the Learning Support team will be in touch to offer additional guidance for your child.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Options Evening on Thursday 6th February.

Yours sincerely



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