



04 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to invite you to an online event using MS Teams on Thursday 27th January from 6pm – 7.30pm. An invite will shortly be sent to all Year 9 students via their school email. There will be two parts to the event focusing on the KS4 options process and the Black Rock residential trip.

6pm – 6.30pm: KS4 Options for September 2022

Year 9 students will have a series of lessons within the PSHE curriculum in Term 3 focusing on their KS4 options and making decisions. On Thursday 27th January, we will talk parents/carers through the rationale for our curriculum offer and the process for how and when students will make their decisions.

There will also be an updated options booklet available online with contact covering all the courses we offer, together with a loom video on each subject page led by the Head of Department.

We strongly recommend that you and your child consider learning needs, style of learning, and qualifications best suited to them in choosing the right curriculum. A broad-based curriculum at KS4 will give your child a good basis on which to build for Post 16 learning and in the future pathways.

There will be opportunities at the Year 9 subject consultation on Thursday 10th February to talk to your child's classroom teacher about the progress that your child is making to help inform your KS4 choices.

6.30pm – 7.15pm: Black Rock residential trip

Following the options briefing, parents/carers of those students attending the Black Rock residential trip in June 2022 are asked to stay online in order to listen to a presentation by Mrs Howsam (Coordinator for Outdoor Education) and Gof Daine (from Black Rock Outdoors). The presentation will explain the schedule, activities, equipment required and the safety aspects for the trip.

Yours sincerely,

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