

21 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In September 2024 your child will begin their Key Stage 4 curriculum. During this Key Stage they will complete GCSE qualifications, or a combination of GCSE and Vocational qualifications. As such it marks a very important stage in your child's education and our upcoming Options Evening will help you and your child consider the subject choices on offer.

Our Year 9 Options Evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 10th January 2024 between 5pm -7pm**. During this evening there will be two identical talks at 5.15pm and 6.15pm in the theatre. These talks will walk you through the different pathways your child could be on, in addition to the range of subjects they can select. You will also be able to hear from our Head Boy & Head Girl about their experience of going through the options process.

From 5-7pm, the teachers of all subjects will be in the dining hall ready to answer any questions you have about their subject and what your child can expect to be covering within each qualification.

We will send out an electronic form via MCAS on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January to ask whether you intend to attend the talk at 5.15pm or 6.15pm.

In the weeks following our Options Evening your child will have the opportunity to discuss the pathway they are on and the subjects they could select with their tutor and their subject teacher. In addition to these opportunities all students will also have an individual meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team to ensure your child makes the possible decisions regarding their future at Smith's Wood and beyond.

**The deadline for completing their options form will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Friswell  
Vice Principal