



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy

1st February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Options Information Evening – Thursday 17th February 4pm-6pm

Each year we are proud that we are achieving more and more for our young people. Last year, more students left St Matthew's with greater life chances than in previous years. This is down to the dedication of our teachers who ensure they do all they can for each one of our students. It is also down to the hard work of our students, and the support of their families.

This term is an exciting time for our Year 9 students, who have embarked on the important process of choosing their option subjects for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and Year 11). Choosing their options is a key moment on their journey with us. It is the time when they should honestly review their progress in each subject area, and begin to understand what is expected of them as they approach KS4. Over the past 3 years we have reviewed the curriculum on offer, and the process by which we work with every student to make sure the choices they make are appropriate for them, and allow them to meet the highest standards they can.

There are several subjects that all students must take. There are others that students are able to choose. Lots of information will be shared with students over the course of this half term in assemblies, form time, PSHE lessons, subject lessons and via special careers events. All this will build up to our Year 9 options evening on Thursday 17th February from 4pm-6pm, to which all parents, carers and students are warmly invited. During the course of the event Mrs Murden and myself will deliver a presentation about the process. This presentation will be repeated to make them more accessible to parents. Presentations will be delivered at 4.15pm, 4.45pm and 5.15pm. Throughout the whole event each subject area will have an allocated classroom in the main building which students and parents can visit to find out more information about all the courses which are available for study.

Our advice to all students and their families is to make sure they attend the options evening to explore as much information as you can. At a time in our lives when there are so many opportunities for our young people post-16, it is vital that we work together to ensure each student is on the right pathway for an exciting future.

Thank you for your ongoing support, as we continue to work in partnership for your child.

Kind regards

Mr S Atkin
Deputy Headteacher