

February 2010

## **YEAR 9 INFORMATION LETTER**

Dear Parents/Guardian

We are approaching the time when important decisions need to be made with Year 9 pupils, with regard to examination courses to be followed in Years 10 and 11.

Listed below are details of the common Core of subjects, as well as an indication of the other choices available. Booklets giving details of the Year 10 – 11 Curriculum will be available at the Information Evening.

During this term, guidance is being given through lessons to help pupils make appropriate choices. Pupils should begin to think about their choices but should not make any final decisions until they have all the information they need.

### **Year 10 Courses from September 2010**

All pupils will continue with Physical Education.

Citizenship, enterprise education, personal, social and health education and work-related learning will be delivered in a variety of ways, including Focus Days.

All pupils are expected to take courses leading towards GCSE examinations in the following subjects:

English  
Mathematics  
Science  
Religious Studies  
Physical Education (Core subject non GCSE)

It is expected that the majority of pupils will take Information Communication Technology as one of their option choice subjects.

There is a choice of Technology courses as well as a wide choice of subjects. It is expected that the majority of pupils will take one of the additional (Single / Double Award) GCSE courses on offer.

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### **Information Evening – Tuesday 23rd February – 7.00 pm: “Option Choices”**

There is an Information Evening for parents and Year 9 pupils on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.00 pm in the School Hall, to explain the options available in Years 10 and 11. It is important that both pupils and their parents attend.

The school's option sheet "Your Choices", along with a Course Description booklet, will be available at the Information Evening.

You are asked to return the "Choices" form before the end of the Spring term. You may wish to wait until after the Parents' Consultation Evening (9<sup>th</sup> March) **deadline 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010**.

All pupils will be advised of the allocation of subjects during the Summer Term. Every attempt will be made to satisfy requests on the "Choices" form, but courses will run subject to viability and adjustments are sometimes necessary. Interviews will be arranged with pupils and parents when additional advice is considered necessary.

In the meantime, please contact Ms K Croset if you have further queries about subject choices for your child.

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**Parents' Consultation Evening – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 4.00 – 7.00 pm**

We also invite you to the Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00 to 7.00 pm. As well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with subject teachers, you will be able to check appropriate subject choices with them. It will be helpful for you to bring your child's report which you will receive on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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Pupils are invited to attend both evenings with their parents and are expected to wear full school uniform.

Yours sincerely

*K Croset*

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**Ms K Croset**  
Director of Learning

**Mrs K McNulty**  
Head of Year 9

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**Please complete and return this Reply Slip to your child's Form Tutor upon receipt of this letter.**

Name of Pupil: ..... Form: .....

**Information Evening – Tuesday 23rd February**

\* I/We will/will not be attending the Information Evening. Seats required: .....

**Parents' Consultation Evening – Tuesday 9th March**

\* I/We will/will not be attending the Parents' Consultation Evening.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(parent/guardian)

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