



# Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 9 into 10 Options 2024

Over the coming weeks all Year 9 students will be choosing their final two subject choices to study in Years 10 and Year 11, alongside the options that they selected last year (and have already started studying in Year 9).

**To support with this process, we would like to invite you to attend our Year 9 Options Evening on Monday 19 February, in the Main School Hall at 6pm.** We will start the evening with a short presentation to all parent/carers and students in the main hall (lasting about 20 minutes) where we will be sharing important information about the options process and key dates and deadlines for the coming weeks. Parents/carers and students will then be able to visit a number of subject stalls' (situated in the school diners) where they will be able to find out more about each GCSE/BTEC course on offer to them and also to ask questions from subject specific staff, in order to support them in making their choices. We anticipate the evening ending no later than 7.30pm.

Students will then submit their option choices via **Options Online**, which is a web-based options programme which allows the students to select their options at home or in school. Students will receive a link to the website and instructions via their school e-mail on the day of the Options' evening.

Below are some of the key dates this term that will be discussed at the evening in more detail;

Date	Event	Key information
<b>Week beginning: Monday 29 January</b>	<b>Year 9-10 options assemblies for students</b>	Students will be briefed about their option choices and curriculum for Years 10 and 11 over 4 days of assemblies. <b>Students will also be given a paper copy of the Options Support booklet to take home and keep.</b>
<b>Thursday 8 February</b> (4.30 – 7.30pm)	<b>Year 9 parents' evening</b>	A chance to discuss current progress with subject teachers before making final decisions about option choices. A letter regarding the appointment booking process will follow in due course.
<b>Monday 19 February</b> (6.00 – 7.30pm)	<b>Year 9-10 Options' Support evening</b>	A main presentation in the school hall at 6pm followed by subject stalls for students and parent/carers to ask questions and gather information to support them in the options process.
<b>Friday 23 February</b> (3.00pm)	<b>Option choices deadline</b>	The deadline for all option choices to be made via Options Online

*'Opportunity and achievement for all'*

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend the Options' Evening as further information will be sent to parents/cares (including a copy of the main presentation used on the evening and the options booklet) in the following week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help or support to you prior to the Options' evening.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cwright".

Claire Wright

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