

## Secondary School

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Dear Year 9 Parents,

### IGCSE Information Evening

Your children are rapidly approaching a very important time in their lives as students. In September they will embark on a two-year course of study which will lead to the award of the International General Certificate in Secondary Education (IGCSE) in each of the subjects which they will follow. This two-year course will prepare them for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) which they will follow in years 12 and 13.

Students will study nine subjects for IGCSE and, whilst some will be compulsory, there is a certain amount of choice allowed in which subjects they decide to follow. Between now and the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, Year 9 students will attend a series of presentations given by Heads of Department in which they will be told about the subjects which are available to them. Following these presentations they will be polled as to what subjects they would take if they were given an absolute free choice. Unfortunately, absolute freedom of choice is not a practical possibility, but their responses will guide our decision making in setting the option blocks for them.

On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, we will be holding an IGCSE information evening between 7pm and 8pm and we would like to invite you to bring your children along to that evening. During the presentation, Mr. Justin Robertson (IGCSE Coordinator) will give you more information about the IGCSE in general and also about the option blocks which will be available to your children. All Heads of Department, myself, Mr. Richard Robinson (Director of Studies), Ms. Alison Bowers (Key Stage 3 Leader) and Ms. Joy Bosman (Key Stage 4 Leader) will be in attendance and will be available for you and your children to talk to. There will also be a display of all the text books which students use in years 10 and 11.

At the end of the evening we will give out IGCSE Option Choice forms which we will ask you to fill in with your children and return them to us. This is an extremely important event, it is the point at which your children start to map out their future and I urge you to put this date in your diary and do all you can to ensure that you do not miss this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

William Bradley