



13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

**RE: GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Choosing GCSE options is a critical part of any young person's secondary school experience. The choices that students make now, may significantly influence educational and career pathways in the future. We are determined to ensure that your child, and you as parents/carers, are given the very best information, advice and guidance in order to make an informed decision about the subjects they will choose to study for the next two years.

Over the course of this term, students in Year 9 are going through the process of considering, and ultimately deciding upon, their GCSE option choices. All students in Year 9 have already been informed about the GCSE options process via an assembly and are learning more about keystage 4 in weekly form time sessions.

In summary, all current Year 9 students, as they progress into key stage 4, will continue to study GCSEs in the following subjects:

English Language & English Literature

Mathematics

Combined or Triple Science

Religious Education

Core PE (non-examined)

Students will then be required to choose an additional **three** GCSE (or equivalent) option subjects.

To ensure all our students, in consultation with you as their parents/carers, make an informed decision about their GCSE options, we would like to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 4.30pm.

Throughout this evening, you will hear an address from our Head teacher, Mr Barzey and myself, and then we will explain the options process in more detail. Following the speeches, families will have an opportunity to visit our different subject stalls where colleagues will be available to explain their GCSE/BTEC courses in more detail so that students know what to expect from each subject area.

Additionally, as you enter the academy you will be given a GCSE Options Booklet which will provide additional detail and context about each of the GCSE courses, this booklet can also be found on the options page on through our website.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at [raskoolum@northstartrust.org.uk](mailto:raskoolum@northstartrust.org.uk). I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Yours faithfully,

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