

February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know, Year 9 students are now at the time when they select their KS4 options. This is a really important decision, with implications for further education and potential career opportunities. Our aim at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy is to support you and your child through this process so that you can make informed decisions about what your child will study in Year 10.

It is important that your child chooses subjects and methods of study that interest and motivate them. They need to think about what they enjoy doing, what keeps them interested in something and what makes them work hard.

Our website provides details about each subject and information about the course. Please take time to look through this with your child and discuss their preferences with them. You can access this information from the following link: <https://bit.ly/4hWbrEs>

In addition to our core offer of English, maths, science, ethics and core PE, students will select either history or geography plus two other options. This is to ensure that all students are provided with a balanced curriculum for KS4. We also ask that students make two reserved choices as some subjects may not be suitable or may be oversubscribed due to popularity.

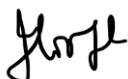
To support you with this choice, I would like to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening, which will take place on Wednesday, 26th February 2025. On arrival, you will have a presentation about the options process with key dates and information about the curriculum at KS4. Following this, you will have the opportunity to visit departments and discuss courses with staff.

Due to the number of students in the year group, we have split the evening into sessions to ensure everyone has ample time to make an informed decision.

- 5 pm – Invite only via Mr Oakley
- 5:30 pm – Students with surnames A-H will attend presentations followed by department visits.
- 6 pm – Students with surnames I-Z will attend presentations followed by department visits.

Once you have spoken to staff, tablets will be available in the mall area to help you complete your options selection. However, if you wish more time, links to the form will be sent to you, or QR codes will be available to take away. The final date for options to be selected is Wednesday, 12th March 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Croft – Vice Principal (Quality of Education)