

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about two key events regarding your child that are coming up over the next few weeks.

Year 9 Options Evening for Parents/Carers – Wednesday 2nd February 2022

As you are aware, your child will be involved in an option process over the next few weeks to determine their KS4 curriculum. They have received the Option Booklets today and they will be expressing their initial preferences for options in a Straw Poll. The options they choose in the Straw Poll are not final and will simply be used for me to gauge interest and to establish the viability of a subject as an option. The order of their selection is important when subjects are oversubscribed and, if they are considering a Consortium subject, then they MUST select this on the Straw Poll initially; the Straw Poll will need to be completed by Tuesday 25th January via the Google form by clicking here.

The Year 9 Options Briefing for Parents, will be held on Wednesday February 2nd 2022 at 6.00pm and 7.00pm; this evening will give you the opportunity to find out more about the options that your child can take next year and the process over the next few weeks. There are two sessions so that we can meet in a safer way in the current COVID climate. Hence, the 6.00pm session is only for parents with children in either Doulton or Stuart Houses and the 7.00pm sessions is only for parents with children in either Tudor or Webb houses. At this event I will be in a position to offer our final option choices and these will also be shared with pupils in an assembly on Monday 31st January.

Pupils will then be required to complete their final option choices via the Google form, by **Monday 14**th **February.**

Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening – Wednesday 9th February 2022 (4:30pm – 6:00pm)

As a result of the success of our virtual meetings in the summer, and the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be using a virtual booking system for appointments for this event, but the appointments will be face to face in school.

We will be using an online platform called 'SchoolCloud' to book the appointments, which can be accessed at www.wordsley.schoolcloud.co.uk. When you reach the home page, you will be required to complete your details and the details of your child (or just one of your children if you have multiple children at Wordsley). You will then be able to view (and select), on the dashboard, the Parent's Meetings that are relevant to you. Once you have done this you have the option to either book appointments with the form tutor either automatically (the system will choose appointments within a specific time frame for you) or manually. If you choose to manually select your appointment, you will be presented with all of the available time slots for your child's form tutor. You then need to choose the appointment time that is most convenient to you. Once you have completed and confirmed your booking,

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you will receive a confirmation email with your appointment time. If you have any issues booking appointments, please contact the school where we will be able to support you to do this.

Appointments will be available to book from **Wednesday 26th January** at **4:00pm** and bookings will close at **3:00pm** on **Wednesday 9th February**. Your child's report will be available at the beginning of the appointment.

We thank you very much in advance for your support of our school in both of these events and we look forward to seeing you in person.

Should you have any further queries regarding either event, please contact our School Reception.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Griffiths <u>Headteacher</u>