



January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year now that we have returned to school in January. For our Year 9 students, the exciting moment has arrived where we will begin to discuss Key Stage 4 Options choices. Therefore, I would like to take the opportunity to write to you to begin this process and to outline some key information and timelines involved.

On Wednesday 22nd January, you will receive their 2nd Interim report, which will provide you with information from all their teachers about their levels of effort and progress in the subjects.

We will begin to discuss Options with students on Wednesday 29th January, when all Year 9s will receive an assembly to explain the process. At this point we will issue them with a paper copy of our GCSE Booklet, which will contain a wide range of useful information about the process and the subjects that we are offering.

I would like to invite both parents and students to attend our Year 9 Options evening which will take place on Wednesday 29th January between 18:00 and 20:00. At this evening, I will deliver a short presentation to explain the options process to parents between 18:00 and 18:30. Following this, parents/carers and Year 9 students are then invited to talk to Curriculum Leaders and some teachers who will be able to provide further information about the GCSEs on offer and answer any questions. Teachers will be in either the Main Hall, the Drama Studio, or in the adjacent cafeteria. We expect this to be a very busy evening and I'd like to ask that wherever possible you travel to the school without a car so that the impact on our neighbours is reduced.

On Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February there are calendared Year 9 Parents Evenings. The 5th February evening will take place in person at the High School Leckhampton between 16:00 and 19:00 and the 6th February evening is an online option for those that need it. Here, you will have a short appointment where you can speak individually with teachers to help you understand your son's/daughter's current progress. The booking system for those evenings will open from 18:00 on Monday 20th January – please follow this link to reach the booking pages: <https://thsl.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please book **either** online **or** in person appointments for individual teachers rather than both.

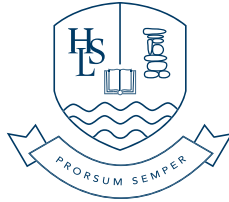
Finally, all students will be asked to submit their Options choices to us by completing an online form, with a deadline of Friday 28th February 2025.



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I look forward to seeing you and speaking to you during January and February,

Yours Sincerely,

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