

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF

Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 pupils,

Year 9 Options

This is an especially important term for your child in Year 9 as we are fast approaching the time when they will make choices about the subjects they wish to study in Years 10 and 11.

A programme has been created to support you and your child with these choices. There is a Parents' Evening, an Options Evening, an Options Fortnight and recorded subject presentations can be located on the school website from 4th February.

Here are the dates that you need to be aware of:

Options Fortnight, 31st January – 14th February

In lessons, pupils will hear from their teachers regarding details and impact of studying their subject at GCSE/BTEC. They will have the chance to ask their teacher lots of questions too.

Parents' Evening, Wednesday, 2nd February (4-7pm)

Parents' Evening is held in school. You have been able to book appointments online using the Parent-Booking system to choose a 5 minute slot, to speak to staff about your child's progress, attitude to learning and behaviour. Pupils are encouraged to attend Parents' Evening, wearing full school uniform.

STM Options Evening, 9th February (6-8pm)

You and you child are invited to attend Options Evening. You and your child will be able to speak to lead teachers about their specific subject area and the GCSE/BTEC curriculum. Options forms will be distributed for you and your child to take away and complete. Pupils should attend in full school uniform.

Deadline for receipt of forms, 1st March

All forms need to be completed by 1st March. After this, option blocks will be created for 2022-23.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions regarding the Options process, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Bennett

Assistant Headteacher



