



15 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING - Tuesday 23 March 2021

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you and your child to the Year 9 Options' Evening on Tuesday 23 March, which will take place remotely between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. This is a very important event where you can book appointments with staff members to discuss information contained in the options' booklet, helping to support students in completing their options choices.

The Academy has introduced a new, easy to use online appointment system called SchoolCloud. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with subject teachers and receive an email confirming your appointments. To book your appointment please follow this link: <https://wgsa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. You will need to enter yours and your child's details to create your account. More information on how to login and access your appointment is on this link on our website: <https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>. If you have any difficulty accessing or creating your account, please contact the main office on 01476 405200 or by email to office@bluecoatmeres.co.uk.

In addition to booking appointments with members of staff, you may wish to discuss progress in core subject and so there will be an opportunity to book appointments with English, maths and science staff. The following staff members and subjects will be available:

- Mrs Bainbridge - art and photography
- Miss Blencowe - English
- Mr Butt - science
- Mr Coburn - geography
- Mrs Dort - health and social care and hospitality
- Mr Everett - maths
- Mr Grady - history
- Mr Hulse - maths
- Mrs Kuffour - business enterprise
- Mrs Lines - French
- Mr Martini - science
- Mrs Mitchell - English
- Mr Mole - creative media
- Mr Paddison - English
- Miss Slack - science
- Mr Thornton - RE and automotive motor engineering and Senior Leader contact for the evening
- Mr Weir - sport

On the evening, please ensure you are logged into SchoolCloud in good time (at least 5 minutes before your first appointment) as the platform does not allow teachers or parents to change appointment times once the evening is underway, or extend the time for any appointment. To ensure the punctual running of the evening, appointments automatically end once the allocated time has expired. SchoolCloud recommend that parents use a compatible web browser such as Safari, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox, as it is not possible to access the meetings via Internet Explorer.

We would very much value your feedback on the event and will invite you to complete a short online survey which will be sent to you after the evening itself.

In preparation for this event, please find attached our Key Stage 4 option choices booklet. A copy of the option choices booklet is accessible on our website on this link:



<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/learning/option-booklet/> and your child will also be receiving a copy in school.

All students will be asked to make their option choices at the conclusion of the evening and will receive a form in school to be handed back no later than Friday 26 March. I hope you find the information useful and please do get in touch with named staff if we can support you further. In addition, if you have any queries regarding the process, please do not hesitate to contact myself by emailing - sthornton@bluecoatmeres.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stevie Thornton', is positioned between two horizontal lines.

Stevie Thornton
Assistant Headteacher - Quality of Education