

08 November 2022

Year 9 Guided Choices

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's the time of year when Year 9 pupils will start thinking about what their choices are for subjects to study in Key Stage 4 (GCSEs & BTECs).

At Hodge Hill College, we want students to continue with a broad and balanced curriculum for as long as possible therefore Year 9 pupils will not start their GCSE courses until after June 2023. We also want pupils to be as successful as possible in their studies so encourage pupils to choose subjects based on their personal strengths, as well as those qualifications which open doors to further study at both post-16 and university levels.

The short-term timeline of the process is as follows:

W/B 7 November 2022	Year 9 Assembly on Guided Choices Tutor time activities around subject choices and how the process works
Thursday 15 December 2022 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 9 Guided Choices Event Year 9 pupils and their parents are invited into school to find out more about the subjects they can study in Key Stage 4 and the guided choices process
Wednesday 8 February 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm	Year 9 Parents Evening Year 9 pupils and their parents are invited into school to discuss their current progress and make their initial subject choices for KS4 study.
May 2023 (Spring 2 Half-term)	Final pathways and subject choices for Year 9 pupils communicated to parents

Over the next few weeks, please ensure you and your child have a conversation about the choices that they might make and that the selection is based on good reasoning and their strengths.

We look forward to seeing you for the Year 9 Guided Choices event in December; a reminder for this and further information will be sent out to you over the next few weeks.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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