



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options Parents' Information Evening and Year 9 Parents' Evening

I am writing to inform you of two important meetings for Year 9 parents and carers, due to take place in the next few weeks.

You are warmly invited to the **Year 9 Options Parents' Information Evening on Thursday, 25 January**. During the evening, Mr Houghton, Deputy Headteacher, will give details of the range of subjects and courses available to your child in Years 10 and 11 and explain the options process. This presentation will start at **7.00 pm in the Theatre**.

We recommend certain courses to some students, if we feel that it is in their interests. If so, we will write to you individually.

The **Year 9 Parents' Evening**, at which you will be able to consult subject teachers about your child's progress, will take place on **Thursday, 1 February, from 4.15 to 6.45 pm**. This is a particularly important meeting, as it is timed to help you and your child discuss how they are progressing with their subjects and so help to decide which courses they will follow in the next two years.

Interviews at this evening will be by appointment. Will you please ask your child to make appointments with teachers in their student planner. Interviews with each member of staff will be of five minutes' duration, but please emphasise to your child the need to allow for five minutes' movement time between your appointments. Teachers will be located in both the main block and the Arc. Science and Maths teachers will be based in the Arc, while teachers of the remaining subjects will be based as normal in the Main Block. Please note that some teachers will be located upstairs. If you are likely to find it difficult to meet with them because of the stairs, please contact the school in advance so that alternative arrangements can be put into place.

Some teachers teach more than one group, some up to three, so will not be able to see all parents/carers within the 30 time slots. In these circumstances, the subject teachers have identified those students whose parents/carers they would particularly like to see and will allocate them a time slot. After that, remaining spaces will be allocated to parents/carers of other students. If you would particularly like to speak to a teacher, please contact the school after the Parents' Evening, by telephone or email to mailbox@backwellschool.net, and ask for the teacher to contact you.

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The Governors will be represented at this meeting and will be available for you to consult should you so wish.

Please enter the school from Station Road, park in the main car park or the overflow car park and, for the Parents' Evening, follow the signs to Reception, where we will ask you to sign in and give you a plan to help you locate the teachers you need to see. With regard to the Options Information evening, please follow the signs for the Theatre. **Please do not park in the leisure centre car park. For security reasons, we lock the gates at this end of the school and after 5.30 pm you will not be able to gain access to or leave the school this way.** I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but I am sure you will appreciate why we have to take such action.

The next few months will be a very important time for our Year 9 students and we look forward to seeing you on 25 January and 1 February.

Yours sincerely

Jon Nunes
Headteacher