



20 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Virtual Options Evening

Thank you for supporting your child with the options process. I hope that you find the information we have put together regarding options useful. Please take some time to read through the Options Booklet and to view the subject presentations from Clyst Vale's teachers on the College website.

If after having engaged with the published information you still have questions you would like to ask, then please attend our **Virtual Options Evening on Tuesday 25 January 2022**.

As part of the evening you are invited to join one of the **overview presentations** that I will be delivering. These will take place at **4.30pm** and again at **5.30pm**, when I will provide an overview of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum, guidance on the options process and factors students should consider when making their choices.

Subject meetings will run from **4.30pm – 7.00pm** – with individual subjects having specific slots within these hours. You can drop into a subject meeting via the Year 9 Team (your child will need to use their credentials to log you in). You will be able to post your question on the message board - the teacher running the session will respond. Meetings have been staggered to allow you time to drop in and out of different subject meetings throughout the evening.

Year 9 students will receive invitations to attend all scheduled meetings but **please note we only expect students and parents/ carers to drop in on a meeting if there is a specific question you would like to ask**. You will also be able to access a subject meeting by clicking on the links available on the grid (exactly like the one overleaf) which will be posted on the College website prior to Tuesday next week:

<http://www.clystvale.org/options/>

We would ask parents, please, to join the meeting **with their camera and microphone switched off**, and to use the message board to post your questions in written format. Teachers will then be able to respond to posted questions in turn.

If you have questions regarding Special Educational Needs that you would like to address with our SENDCO, Gaby Long, additional information will be sent in a separate email to parents of Year 9 students with SEND, regarding how you can book an appointment with Gaby on the evening.

Please note that whilst the meetings are scheduled to run from 4.30pm – 7.00pm the following teachers will be available to answer your questions only during the times shown below:

Teacher Q&A sessions - Year 9 Options 2022

Fine Art Q & A Marc Brooks 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30	Photography Q & A Claire Wakefield 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30	Child Development Q&A Nicola Bennett 5.30-6.00 & 6.30-7.00
Computer Science Q&A Andy Workman 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30	Creative Media Q & A Andy Workman 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30	Dance Q & A Helen Elliot 4.30-5.00 & 5.30-6.00
Design and Technology Q&A Ben Arthur 5.30-6.00 & 6.30-7.00	Drama Q & A Rachel Keene 5.00-5.30 & 6.30-7.00	Food and Nutrition Q&A Alison Crook 4.30-5.00 & 6.00-6.30
French Q&A Caroline McConachie 4.30-5.00 & 5.30-6.00	Geography Q & A Zoe Klampfer-Hall 4.30-5.30 & 5.30-6.00	History Q & A Maddie Nash 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30
Music Q&A Emma Williams 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30	Physical Education Q&A Julian Powell 4.30-5.00 & 5.30-6.00	Separate Sciences Q&A Maria Serven 5.00-5.30 & 6.00-6.30
Sport Studies Q&A Dom Stapleton 4.30-5.00 & 5.30-6.00	Spanish Q&A Caroline McConachie 4.30-5.00 & 5.30-6.00	Religious Studies Q&A Zoe Brotherton 5.30-6.00 & 6.30-7.00
Maths Q & A Michelle Barratt 4.30-5.00	English Q&A Viv Oldfield 4.30-5.00	Ms Jacobs - Deputy Principal Q&A Sara Jacobs 6.00-7.00

Students will select their options choices via the SIMS Parent App. This will go live to students during the week commencing 7th February 2022. More details on how to input choices will be available once this goes live.

Please note that the deadline for submitting choices is **9am on Monday 14 February 2022**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant tutor, Head of School or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Sara Jacobs
Deputy Principal