

NDY/LFA

19th January, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Evening and Year 9 Parents' Evening

I write to you with further information about the options process at Central Academy and the upcoming Parents' Evening.

Live Broadcast: Year 9 GCSE Options Evening – 5 pm, Wednesday 26th January 2022.

Whilst we continue to restrict some access to the building, we want to share our vision with you for the next major milestone in your child's journey through Central Academy. On Wednesday 26th January there will be a virtual meeting with myself and the Principal at 5 pm. The link to this meeting is [HERE](#). You will also find the link on our website homepage from Thursday 20th January.

The options process is an exciting and daunting time for our students. The live broadcast will share important information that will have a direct impact on the choices students make about their future. As part of the event, there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions to staff before the meeting ends.

Following the live meeting, the Options Booklet will be emailed home for you to look at and discuss with your child and help them to make the correct subject choices for their future in school and beyond. In the booklet will be a link to the electronic form which must be completed by the deadline of **Monday 21st February**.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday 26th January for the Live Broadcast. However, if you are unable to attend on the day, the meeting will be recorded and available to listen to via the Academy website. We look forward to seeing you "virtually" at this event.

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening – 3.45 - 6pm, Thursday 27th January 2022.

Following the live broadcast on Wednesday 26th January, we will be hosting our virtual Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 27th January. The link to book appointments can be found [here](#)

If you require further information about booking and joining appointments, please refer to the documents [HERE](#)

The virtual evening will be running through Microsoft Teams where you will have the opportunity to meet your son/daughter's class teacher for a five-minute appointment. Please do use this time to discuss the subject options at GCSE if you wish. If you have any additional concerns that requires a lengthier discussion, perhaps you could arrange a longer appointment at another time.



Alongside appointments with class teachers, you can also make an appointment with the following staff:

- Mr Markham, Principal
- Mr Dyer, Assistant Principal Curriculum (*for specific queries about the options process and the curriculum offer at GCSE*)
- Mrs Stott, Assistant Principal – Behaviour
- Miss Sheridan, Pastoral Head of Year 9

Subject Specific Announcements

Triple Science: *Please note that when booking appointments, you should avoid scheduling any for 4.30-4.45 pm if your child is interested in taking triple science. Triple Science is not suitable for all students and I will be contacting some parents separately to invite them to a 15 minute presentation from Mr Blood, our Head of Science.*

Music: *Due to current circumstance, please only book an appointment with Mrs Robinson if your child is considering Music as an option for GCSE study.*

A summary of some key dates and times mentioned:

- 5 – 6 pm, Wednesday 26th January – Live Broadcast
- 6 pm, Wednesday 26th January – Options Booklet sent to all Year 9 email addresses
- 3.45 - 6pm, Thursday 27th January – Virtual Parents' Evening
- 4.30 - 4.45 pm Thursday 27th January – Some parental invites to a Triple Science presentation
- Friday 28th January – Letter home with further detail regarding Computer Science and Triple Science
- Monday 21st February – Deadline for options electronic form completion

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully

Mr Nicky Dyer
Central Academy