



Dear parent/carers

Thank you for all of your support this term; we hope your child has enjoyed their first term at QEHS. We are about to launch the year 9 options process. Students should have brought home their options brochure on Thursday 21st December for them to read over Christmas and there are a number of associated events in early 2018.

Year 9 Options Advice Evening: Thursday 11 January 2018

Firstly, we would like to invite you to an options advice evening on Thursday 11 January from 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Main Hall. At this evening there will be a presentation covering key curriculum changes, the option choices open to students, and the factors that need to be considered when making choices. Please note this evening is intended for parents only because students will have had an opportunity to hear this advice during an extended assembly this week.

Year 9 Parents Evening

Secondly, a meeting will be held to enable you to consult your child's teachers about his/her progress. This will take place from 4.30 – 7.30pm in the Lower School Hall, on the following dates:

Q Band students – Thursday 1 February 2018

OR

E Band students – Wednesday 7 February 2018

To establish which band your son/daughter is in, please check their Maths group; it details whether they are Q or E. ie 9QMA1 = Q band or 9EMA1 = E Band

All students are encouraged to attend with parents.

We operate a system whereby students make their own appointments. Within your child's planner is a subject list (page 4) that should be used to decide which subject teachers you would like an appointment with. Your child should then arrange a meeting time convenient to both teacher and parent. A document is also attached for your child to record this information on. Students can also obtain a copy from the Curriculum Office.

This Parents' Evening is an important occasion as it provides the opportunity for parents, staff and students to discuss individual progress.



Year 9 Options Interviews: Monday 26 February to Friday 9 March

Finally, we will be scheduling individual 15 minute appointments for parents and students with a member of our Curriculum Team. Our role in this meeting will be to discuss the option choices you are considering and, in this context, to offer advice and guidance on what we would consider the most appropriate option choices. We will be writing to parents in early 2018 with bespoke appointment times. Because of the number of students involved, these interviews take place during the school day. Please note there is limited flexibility regarding times; we will meet with students on their own if you are unable to attend but I would be grateful if you could arrange your schedules accordingly and be sympathetic to the difficulty of scheduling 600 individual meetings (we interview Y11 students as well) over a short period of time.

Yours sincerely



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