

February 2023

Dear Parent and Carer

Year 9 Options

We had a successful launch of the Year 9 Options Process on Monday with the extended assembly.

The resources are now “live” on the website for you to view.

<https://www.budmouth-aspirations.org/our-curriculum/year-9-options/>

Online Options Booklet.

The online booklet provides details about the overall curriculum for Key Stage 4, including compulsory exam courses, as well as details about the optional subjects.

Options Evening - Thursday 2nd March 5pm Starting in Clare Hall.

After the presentation in Clare Hall you will have the opportunity to visit the Hub and talk to all the subject specialists. There is a map of the Hub on the website page above for you to plan your route through the subjects you want to discuss further and ask specific questions.

<https://budmouth.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/02/Map-of-the-Hub-Options-Eve-2023.pdf>

Presentation/Video for each course.

There is a presentation/video for each individual course on the website and we recommend that you view these before the Options Evening. This will provide you with details of the course and help you make your final choices. The staff have been working hard to present their subjects in an interesting and informative way.

Personal contact with the course leader/teacher.

If, after viewing the videos, attending Options Evening and reading through the booklet (online) you have further questions, there is a link to communicate with staff in each department on the relevant page of the booklet. This is not compulsory for you to use but it will enable you to ask individual questions.

Links to Careers guidance and presentations.

Even at this age there are very few choices you can make that would completely close off your future opportunities. The choices you make at the end of Year 11 will be much more significant in terms of your long term plans. However, there are some links that you may find interesting to look at. They may even get you thinking about a change in career!

Online Options Form to submit your option choices by 16th March. (This Opens on March 3rd)

This form is quite straightforward but do get in touch if you have any questions. We advise that the form is only completed after all the presentations have been viewed to avoid choices being rushed.

Students are encouraged to discuss any questions with their teachers at school. I can guarantee if they have a question, it will also benefit others, so do ask. It is important that they get engaged with this process to ensure they are happy with their chosen options.

Now that the resources have gone 'live' on the website there are four weeks to look at all the information. We advise you to go through all of this information before emailing staff specific questions, as we hope that all key questions will be covered in the presentations.

Thank you for supporting them in this process.

Yours sincerely



Peter Hudson
Vice Principal

Options Timeline :

Wednesday	22nd February	-	Online Options Booklet and other resources launched
Weds	22nd - Thurs	2nd March	- Parents and students review the information - presentations and subject information and form ideas about their option choices. Compile any questions you may have for subject specialists for the Options Evening.
Thursday	2nd March	-	5pm Clare Hall - Options Presentation - followed by the opportunity to visit the Hub and talk to staff in each Subject area.
Monday	6th March	-	Online Options form available to be completed
Wednesday	22nd March	-	Deadline for the Options form to be returned via Google Form.