



Welcome to...

Year 9 Options Evening

Making Choices





Core Curriculum

- English Language / Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- PE (modified for Young Apprentice & Diploma)
- ICT (modified for Young Apprentice & Diploma)
- PSE (modified for Young Apprentice & Diploma)
- RE (modified for Young Apprentice & Diploma)





Making Choices

- Speak with other students and teachers
- Think about possible future progression
- Career interests
- Aim for a balanced curriculum
- Guidance centre (Lin Cuoghi)
- Guided choice on Preference Form



Changes for 2009

Diplomas in these areas;

- Business, Administration and Finance
- Creative and Media
- Hair and Beauty Studies





Options

- History
- Geography
- History/Geography
- Art**
- Photography**
- Design & Technology
- Fashion
- French
- Spanish
- Music
- Drama
- PE**/Power Base**

- Business Studies
- ICT
- Film Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Triple Science*
- Life Skills*
- Woodcraft*
- Decorating*
- Cope*
- IW College courses
- Training Providers



**invitation only*
***Guided choice*



Important Dates

- Impact Day “Making Choices”
 - 24th November
- Options evening and road show
 - 19th January
 - Parent Consultation Day
 - 5th February
- Preference forms
 - Issued 29th January by tutors
 - Returned *by* 12th February via tutors
 - Initial interviews starting 24th to 26th February





Completing the Preference Form

- Stating preferences NOT making choices
- Pick 6 study 4
- Last year 95%+ of students got their first choice preferences
- Everyone should complete school based options; even if you want a non school based option
- Forms returned to tutor as soon as complete, but are *not* processed on a first come first served basis
- Non school based options count as TWO choices. Everyone can apply for these!
- Young Apprentice/Diploma takes THREE options
- Short course History / Geography cannot be studied with full course History or Geography
- Some subjects marked “not eligible”



Sources of information

- Current students in year 10 or 11
- Year 9 report which was issued tonight
- www.parentscentre.gov.uk
- www.qca.org.uk
- www.edexcel.org.uk
- Connexions – Careers advice



Making changes

- Supporting letter from parents/carers
- See Mrs Cuoghi in the Guidance and Curriculum office





Assigning courses

- Subjects leaders to review choices
- College or TP interview and selection process
- Limited number of places on all courses
- This year's performance data including CAT result and Key Stage 2 & 3 SAT results
- Suitability for the course and likelihood of achieving a pass
- Final set lists published during May
- Start Year 10 courses on 1st June 2009



What now...?

- Make sure you have a copy of the options booklet/report
- Staff available tonight until 9pm
- PCD coming up on 5th February

