



# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOUNDATION SCHOOL

*"Every moment, every day, every individual counts"*

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Dear Parent

## REF: YEAR 9 OPTIONS & INFORMATION SUMMARY

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend last week's Option Evening, it was great to see so many in attendance. Hopefully you found that the market place was useful in the first step of considering options for your child to begin next year.

For those of you who did not attend and as way of a refresher for those who did, we write to summarise the key points.

### TASTER SESSIONS

These will start the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Thank you to those who have already returned the taster session slips identifying which ones your child would like to attend. If you haven't yet returned one, please do so to ensure your child is able to attend as many as they would like. Please note that some of the sessions are already full but we will try to accommodate other subject requests where possible.

Forms have begun to be processed and will be returned to form tutors to distribute accordingly. This will serve as a reminder of the sessions your child will be due to attend between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m. We have highlighted on the form in orange the sessions for which your child has been allocated. On occasion, some have chosen to attend multiple sessions of the same subject which is not necessary – we are simply offering multiple sessions delivering the same content to cater for as many pupils as possible. In addition, some have requested to attend multiple sessions on one day, this is not possible as the sessions run at the same time. If a session your child has selected is fully booked, we have tried to assign them to an alternative session and indicated this on the returned form. If for any reason, the revised date is not convenient, please advise us at the earliest opportunity so that space can be reallocated to another pupil. Forms and questions in this regard should be directed to Mrs Rowden or Mrs Cowin in the first instance.

### PARENTS' EVENING

This will take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. This will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress along with further discussions surrounding options. Where possible, subjects not studied at KS3 will also be available on this evening to discuss assessment procedures, qualification type and future progression opportunities. Mr Targett, CXK Careers Advisor, will also be present should you wish to discuss careers and suitable option pathways.

### OPTIONS CHOICES

Once the events have taken place, each pupil will be issued with an options form during Term 4. This will be provided both electronically to parents and a paper copy to pupils via Form Tutors. A reminder that pupils should be selecting 5 choices, the preferred 3 subjects with 2 reserves. These will be offered on a first come first served basis but wherever possible we will try to accommodate the preferred combination for each pupil. Some subjects are limited to one class.

*"For the body does not consist of one member but of many" 1 Corinthians 12:14*

HOPE

FORGIVENESS

COMPASSION

FRIENDSHIP

WISDOM

Pupils have the ability to choose whichever combination they feel most appropriate. The only exception to this is Art and Textiles. A pupil can only study one or the other due to them being the same qualification but following different specialisms.

#### **EBACC PATHWAY**

If this pathway has been discussed with your child, please consider this as a viable option. As way of reminder this would include either French or Spanish alongside History or Geography with a third option of their choice. All 3 options could be made up of Humanities and Language choices e.g. French, History and Geography if that is a preferred combination.

#### **EXAM ENTRIES**

As a reminder, your child is studying and completing one of the 3 Science disciplines this academic year, taking the formal GCSE examinations in the summer.

#### **INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE**

The following documents can be found on the website via the following link:

<http://www.stgeorges-school.org.uk/1534/information-evenings>

- Subject handouts
- Taster sessions form
- Presentation from the evening

I hope the above information is useful to you as your child begins to take this next step in their education. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Waddon', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Mr L Waddon  
Assistant Headteacher