



Dear Parent/Carer

6th February 2018

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
WEDNESDAY 14th February 2018
5.30 PM TO 7.30 PM

On Wednesday the 14th of February the school will be holding an Open Evening to present our Key Stage Four GCSE courses. Year 9 students and parents/carers are invited to attend to help shape the choice of options subjects they will take from September 2018.

This Options Evening is an opportunity to look at departmental displays and to talk to subject staff. Students will be encountering some subjects not previously taught at Key Stage 3 and you may welcome this opportunity to find out more about these and the exact GCSE content in other subjects. Department displays and staff will be available from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 pm. Please allow yourself enough time to visit all the subjects that interest your child either before or after the presentation detailed below.

Parents/Carers need to be aware that most GCSE subjects have started new specifications recently and have moved to the new GCSE grading system (9-1). The Open Evening presentation will provide you with a detailed understanding of the changes.

The presentation in the hall will outline the process of the option system and provide you with a full explanation of the choices students will need to make (Please see the sheet attached to this letter). Please attend the correct presentation for your son / daughter's house in order to reduce congestion.

PRESENTATION IN THE HALL

Year 9 Boot & Clough – 6.00 pm
Year 9 Lawrence & Nightingale – 6.30 pm

Please ensure you sign in at reception upon your arrival where you will receive your copy of the options booklet and all other relevant paper work. If you wish to access the **Options booklet 2018 – 2020** prior to the evening a digital copy will be available from the 6th of February and can be found on the school website kimberleyschool.co.uk in the 'Parent/Carer – Letters to Parent/Carer' section. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Park
Deputy Head Teacher

What Option choices will need to be made?

Year 9 students will be advised to take either the **Main Option pathway** or the **English Bacculaureate pathway**. The pack you will receive for your son / daughter when you arrive at Options evening will have the relevant option form for them. The difference between the two pathways is to do with Modern Foreign Languages. Mr Park will explain the English Bacculaureate fully in the presentation.

Main Option pathway students will need to make the following choices:

Compulsory Option	Geography		History	
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Now select **three** further subjects from the table below. You will also need **two** reserves

Full English Bacculaureate pathway students will need to make the following choices:

Compulsory Option	Geography		History	
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Language Option	French		German		Spanish	
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Now select **two** further subjects from the table below. You will also need **two** reserves.

Option Subjects
Art & Design GCSE
Business Studies GCSE
Computer Science GCSE
OCR Cambridge National in digital iMedia
Drama GCSE
D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE
D & T Graphics
D & T Resistant Materials
D & T Textiles
French GCSE
German GCSE
OCR Cambridge National in Health & Social Care
History GCSE
Media Studies GCSE
Music GCSE
Physical Education GCSE
Religious Studies GCSE
Spanish GCSE
Triple Science GCSE (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)