

# Shirebrook Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now approaching the time when Year 9 students will be making subject choices for Year 10 and 11. Our options booklets will be issued to students during week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February.

We would like to invite you to our combined Parents and Options Evening on **Monday 12 February 2024**. During the evening, which runs from 4pm to 7pm, you will have the opportunity, by prior appointment, to speak to your child's subject teacher in English, maths and science.

The school is introducing a new intuitive and easy to use **online appointment booking system**. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. We are confident this will be an improvement on the previous system and welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be booked online from **Monday 5 February and will close on Monday 12 February 2024 at midday**. Appointments are available between 4:00pm and 6:45pm. Further details about booking your appointment will be shared next week. Please ensure that you do not book an appointment during your child's presentation time (indicated below).

You will also have the opportunity to hear a presentation about the options process/policy as well as being able to speak to subject teachers regarding options courses and view exemplar work and subject content. The presentation will be held in the Theatre at the times indicated below specific to the tutor group of your child:

**4:30pm – 9DLO & 9GHA**

**5:00pm – 9HCA & 9LHE**

**5:30pm – 9RGR & 9TDU**

Your child will receive information for the most appropriate pathway they are guided towards to provide the best opportunity for their future during an assembly on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The deadline for completion of option forms online using **Google Forms** will be **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.



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All our students are required to follow GCSE courses in English, mathematics and science and they will have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of GCSE and vocational courses. It is important to remember, that if too few students choose a subject then this subject may not run, also if too many students choose a subject, some students may have to make alternative choices.

If you have any questions regarding the options process or your child's individual options, please do not hesitate to contact [enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org) with an email title of 'Options'. Alternatively, you can contact us directly via email:

[dsmith@shirebrookacademy.org](mailto:dsmith@shirebrookacademy.org) – Mr D Smith - Assistant Vice Principal (Options)

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Kind regards

Mr D Smith  
Assistant Vice Principal (Options)



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