

February 2024

Headteacher - Patrick Earnshaw

Deputy Headteacher - Mathew Downs

Dear Parent

Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options and Progression Evening

We would like to invite you to the Year 9 Options and Progression Evening on **Wednesday 28th February 2024** at 5:30pm (finishing at 7pm).

The purpose of this evening is to provide students and parents with the information that they need so they are equipped to make informed and confident decisions about their option choices and how these link to their future education and career plans.

The evening will have two parts, each of 40 minutes:

- A talk in the Main Hall outlining the options process and the requirements of the different courses - compulsory and optional as well as offering advice about how options link to careers sixth form choices and future education.
- An opportunity to visit subjects, careers adviser and Sixth Form in the Gym and Performance Hall, where you will be able to ask questions relating to the make-up of different courses, find out about subject content and suitability.

Tutor groups 9.1 to 9.5 will start in the Hall for a talk whilst tutor groups 9.6 to 9.9 will start in the Gym and Performance Hall and then move to the Hall at 6:10pm.

To help parents and students we have designed the 'Options Portal', which contains information about the process, a step-by-step guide, key dates and information about all the subjects we offer. This portal is now live and all parents can visit the site at <http://highcliffe.school//options>

On Tuesday 27nd February the Options Forms will go live on MyHighcliffe for students to allow students and parents to 'model' possible choices before the evening.

This is an important stage of your child's education and the school strongly encourages that parents attend with their children.

Yours faithfully



Miss C Fellingham
Head of Achievement - Year 9



Mr M Downs
Deputy Headteacher