



08 January 2024

Dear Families

KS4 Options

This term year 9 will be making some important decisions. They will need to work closely with you and their teachers in order to make sensible subject choices for their KS4 courses, which start in September 2024 when they begin year 10.

We have planned a thorough options programme that will support students through this important process. This is outlined below:

- **Monday 8 January 2024 – KS4 Options Assembly** to kick-start and outline the options process with students.
- **Monday 15 January 2024 – New Courses Assembly (Travel and Tourism, Business Studies, Film)** to provide students with information about new courses.
- **Monday 22 January 2024 – New Courses Assembly (Sociology and Health and Social Care)** to provide students with information about new courses.
- **Monday 22 – Friday 9 February 2024 – KS4 Options Tutor Sessions** exploring the options process and career pathways.
- **Thursday 22 February 2024 – KS4 Options Evening** following a presentation from Mr Street outlining the options process, students and parents can get further information on the subjects offered directly from curriculum leaders.
- **Thursday 29 February 2024 – Year 9 Consultation Evening** to have individual meetings with teaching staff to discuss progress and attainment.
- **Friday 8 March 2024 – Options Deadline** for online forms to be completed.

Our online KS4 prospectus outlines the courses that are available at KS4 and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://ks4options.mysackville.co.uk/>

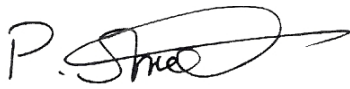
Each entry gives you a brief summary of the course and why students might consider studying it. It also has links to the exam specification if they require further details.

In making option choices, students should consider choosing the subjects that they are expected to have the most success in over the next two years. It is much easier to do well in subjects that they enjoy. It is important that they do not make decisions based on the staff teaching each subject, or what their peers are doing. There is no guarantee that these teachers will be teaching their class next year or that they will be in the same class as their friends.

Decisions may have to be made about whether certain subjects continue to be offered if only a small number of students opt for them. Additionally, each year some students do not get all of their preferred choices; we will speak with students and parents if any of the preferred options are not possible or suitable.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening on **Thursday 22 February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Street', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mr P Street
Deputy Head

Mr J Beaver
Community Leader with Responsibility for Year 9