

Our Ref: BB/EWW/Options

February 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 – The Next Few Weeks

Hopefully your child will have been talking to you about having to make their subject choices at KS4. Our Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) for Key Stage 4 process has now begun. We need to emphasise the importance of this process, and how the decisions your child makes effects the next two years at Oldbury Wells. The Year 9 Form Tutors will be spending the next few weeks discussing with each student individually their choice of subjects. In addition, Mrs Lawson, the Head of Year, will be available throughout the process, along with our Student Support Workers and Mr Brown.

To keep you fully informed can we draw your attention to some important dates on the School Calendar in the next few weeks:-

- **6th - 13th February – Indication of initial Preferences form:** Students will complete this form in tutor period to provide us with information about which subjects they are interested in taking. We do this so that we can create option blocks that will meet the needs of the majority of students. **This form is NOT asking you for your final choices.**
- **Thursday 17th February – Year 9 Full Report:** Parents can access these via Go4School. The reports will give both students and parents information on the progress that is being made in each of their subjects.
- **Thursday 2nd March – Year 9 Parents' Evening:** This will be held in the West Hall 5:00pm - 7:00pm. You will need to make appointments to see staff in person via parents-booking.co.uk/oldburywells. (You will receive a separate letter with details).
- **Wednesday 8th March – Options Information Evening:** This will commence in the East Hall with a presentation at 5:30pm and again at 6:15pm (you will receive a separate letter with details). This evening is where you will be given the opportunity to discuss your child's future Key Stage 4 curriculum with staff. All option subjects will be represented on the evening. Also in attendance will be Mrs Bishell, our Head of Sixth Form. The evening will commence with a short presentation on the Key Stage 4 process. Following the presentation, you will be able to talk with subject teachers to find out more about the courses we offer at KS4. The option blocks will be confirmed at this evening, which have been designed to meet the needs of the year group, and you can begin to consider your final decisions.
- **Tuesday 14th March – Deadline:** This is the deadline date when your child's options should be completed electronically (you will receive a separate letter with full details about this process). **This form IS asking you for your final choices.**

We very much look forward to seeing you at these very important Year 9 Evenings and can assure you our team of staff will be available to support you and your child throughout the Options process.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Brown
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs R Lawson
Head of Year

Aspire • Enjoy • Achieve