

LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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To: The Parents of all Year 9

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening: Monday 27th January 2020

This term we shall be asking your son to make his provisional choice of the optional subjects he is to take in Years 10 & 11. The Lancaster Royal Grammar School options scheme is designed to balance flexibility of choice with a broad core curriculum. Some choices have important implications for A-level study and future careers.

Information over the page provides details of the Year 10 courses which we hope to run in 2020/2021. The full Options Booklet provides information to parents and boys about their subject choices and subsequent GCSE examinations. It is available for parents on the school website via [this link](#) and boys can access it on the VLE.

Please take time to read this booklet with your son before parents evening. Boys will receive an Options Form which should be returned to their form teacher **no later than 28th January** and Mr Chambers, Mr Hallsworth or Mr Young will have spoken to the boys about the different options before parents' evening.

Consultation with your son's teachers on parents evening will be by appointment. Your son will be given an appointment card and will then make appointments with the relevant members of staff for you. The appointments are of five minutes duration and it is important to have at least five minutes between the end of one appointment and the beginning of the next to allow you sufficient time to move between rooms. Your son's teachers will be available in rooms in the New Building and the first appointments are at 5.30 pm. You will be provided with a floor plan on the evening to help you to find the relevant rooms.

Boys should attend in full school uniform. Please bring the appointment card with you and keep to the appointment timetable.

The Upper Courts (behind the Dining Hall) will be open for off-street parking. Please take care to avoid inconveniencing or obstructing local residents or through-traffic.

As in previous years, we will be conducting a parental questionnaire. Paper copies will be available throughout the evening.

Tea and coffee will be available throughout the evening; we look forward to seeing you on the 27th January. Boarding parents and boarding pupils are most welcome to attend. If you are unable to come and require further information or advice, please contact the Head of Years 8 & 9 - Mr Young syoung@lrqs.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Dr C J Pyle
Headmaster

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CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS

Your son is about to make some of the most exciting choices of his education so far, as he starts to think about which subjects he wants to take in the Years 10 and 11. The choices he makes now may well influence the rest of his academic education, and lead to opportunities later in his life. It is important that he appreciate from the start which options are available to him, and what is involved, so he can make thoughtful and informed choices.

The notes in the Options booklet are intended to be a general guide to help him select the subjects he may wish to study. He should also talk to his teachers about their subjects, and even the older pupils about the subject they chose. The school careers advisor, your son's Form Tutor and Head of Year will also be a source of valuable information and advice over the next few weeks.

The lessons he will have next year will be a mixture of compulsory and options subjects; he will take 10 GCSE in total.

All students will take the following **compulsory subjects**:

- English Language & Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Values – a subject tackling religious, moral, political, economic and social themes, as well as research and study skills.
- P.E. and games lessons



When choosing his 7 **options subjects** please remember:

- ▶ All students must choose **at least 2 science** subjects (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- ▶ All students must choose **at least one modern or classical language** (French, German, Spanish, Latin or Greek), which you must have studied previously.

Students should **choose 7 subjects from the following list** (all of which will lead to a GCSE):

- Art – either Art & Design or Photography **not both**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Studies
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- Latin
- Music
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Physics
- Religious Studies (R.S.)
- Spanish
- Technology: Food Science