

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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 2018/2019. 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 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 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** 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 6.00 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:syoung@lrqs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Dr C J Pyle  
Headmaster

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Pupils are about to make some of the most exciting choices of their education so far, as they start to think about which subjects they want to take in the Years 10 and 11. The choices they make now may well influence the rest of their academic education, and lead to opportunities later in their life. It is important that they appreciate from the start which options are available to them, and what is involved, so they can make thoughtful and informed choices.

The notes in the Option booklet are intended to be a general guide to help them to select the subjects they wish to study. They should also talk to their teachers about their subjects, and even the older boys about the subject they chose. The school careers advisor, their Form Tutor and Head of Year will also be a source of valuable information and advice over the next few weeks.

The lessons they have next year will be a mixture of compulsory and options subjects; they will take 10 GCSE's 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 and possibly the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ)
- P.E. and games lessons



When choosing their 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.

They 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
- Computing
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- Latin
- Music
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Physics
- Religious Studies (R.S.)
- Spanish
- Technology: Food Technology