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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Process

As your child is fast approaching their GCSE studies, it's important we prepare them, and you as parents/carers, for the next steps into Key Stage 4. To support your child, we will be running a series of opportunities to discuss their GCSE choices, such as time in the mornings to discuss possible options and pathways; Parents' Evening where you can discuss your child's progress with teachers; and Options Evening (on the same evening) where you will find out about the process.

On our website, you will find an overview of the process, including a presentation and subject videos and information leaflets, outlining the content studied throughout the two years within each subject area. This information also details the assessments and type of qualification (whether it's an academic or vocational qualification). <https://www.sdcc.net/> - click on 'Learning' then 'Year 9 Options'. We continually review our curriculum to ensure we give students the best educational experience, hence some subjects may change exam boards before September.

We would like to invite you to attend Parents' Evening and Options Evening which will take place simultaneously on **Thursday 26th February from 3:30pm-6:30pm**. The evening will have two functions: 1) an opportunity to discuss how your child is currently progressing across their subjects, whilst receiving individual feedback from subject teachers; 2) visit subject stalls to find out what content is covered within each subject.

During the evening, there will be two presentations, the first at 4:30pm and the second at 5:30pm. This will give an overview of the Options process and we highly recommend you attend one of these sessions. When booking your Parents' Evening appointments, please allow a 15 minute break so you can attend this presentation in the Main Hall. Please follow this link, to indicate which presentation you would like to attend:

<https://forms.gle/PJLH721FHAMRzZku6>

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Parents' Evening bookings:

Please visit <https://sdcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Your login will be authenticated by your title and your surname, which must match the data we hold. The online booking system will open at 9am on Wednesday 4th February and will close at 3pm on Wednesday 25th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the College reception on 01752 556065.

Appointments are available from 3:30pm until 6:30pm and each meeting will last for 5 minutes. If you would like to discuss options then please contact your child's tutor, or Head of Year in the first instance.

Please enter via the front of reception when attending your appointments. Staff will be on hand to direct you to the different venues.

This event is a key date for all Year 9 students at a crucial time in their education. We endeavour to ensure that everyone involved fully understands how best to support each child as they transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M. Oakes
Head of School