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Dear Parents/Carer,

Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Evening

You are invited to attend the Year 9 GCSE Options Evening on Thursday 8th February 5pm – 7pm at Barnhill Community High. The evening will take place between the Assembly Hall and Main Hall, where you will have to opportunity to learn more about the GCSE subjects which are available to your child, how the selection process will work over the next couple of months, and how courses are taught and assessed thereafter.

The purpose of the evening is to ensure that all students and families have a clear understanding of:

- The compulsory subjects, and ability-appropriate adjustments (Higher/Foundation entry)
- Optional subject options
- Vocational subjects
- The selection process

All families will receive the opportunity to speak with curriculum leaders throughout the evening, providing more detail of their specialist subjects, including exam boards, course content and assessment. This stage of the process will ensure your child is able to make informed decisions regarding their preference, and equip you with a better understanding so as to allow you to support them.

This is an important stage in your child's education and we firmly recommend that every effort is made to attend the Options Evening. Selecting the right subjects will not only enable your child to be more successful in Year 10 and 11, but will also help them to enjoy their studies, improve motivation and manage their workload more confidently.

Attendance to the evening is a critical step in the options process and your attendance is crucial, if for any reason you are unable to attend the evening, please do direct any specific enquiries towards myself (details below) and I will attempt to resolve these or direct you to the appropriate contact.

We look forward to seeing you at the evening, and working with you to support the next stage in your child's education.

D. Hillman

Mr D Hillman (KS3 Achievement Officer)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hillman

Associate Assistant Headteacher

