



Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening

Monday 15th January 4pm-7pm

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to invite you to attend our Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening, on **Monday 15th January from 4pm until 7pm**. The evening will be held in person at school with appointments booked via School Cloud. We have included a short guide on how to log in and make appointments.

The Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening is to discuss the progress of your child and gather more information about KS4 courses and careers. You will be able to book to see up to 9 teachers, 3 of these should be your child's Maths, English and Science teachers as these are the core subjects which must be studied at GCSE. You will also be able to book to see an additional 6 teachers to discuss progress and the course content to help inform GCSE option choices. We would encourage you to prioritise booking to see the teachers in the subjects that your child is considering. You will be able to book appointments with teachers from all the subjects on the carousel (Music, Dance, Drama, Food, DT, Textiles, Art, Digital Art/Photography) to discuss taking these subjects as an Option choice. Where a teacher covers more than one subject there is no need to book 2 appointments as both can be discussed in one booking.

For Options in 2024, students will be able to select 4 options from a wide range of subjects, including those taught in Key Stage 3 and some subjects which will be new to them. In the week commencing 8th January our Options process begins in earnest. You will be sent an Options Booklet which outlines the whole Options process and gives information about all of the subjects. Personal copies for each student can be collected at the Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening. There will be videos emailed to you explaining the Options process and giving information about all the new subjects.

You will also be able to see Mr Fuller, (Deputy Head who oversees Options), Mr Del Valle (Head of Vocational Education), Mrs Hanlon (Child Development teacher) and Ms Dallimore (Careers Lead) to speak about the Options process and the new subjects – appointments are not needed for these conversations.

The intention of the evening is to allow all students/parents/carers to receive good quality and personal information, advice and guidance about the relevant subjects and to initiate healthy conversations about choices. (Please note there is no separate Options Evening). As well as this vital evening, the options booklet and videos, students will also have assemblies, subject information presentations, taster lessons and information and advice in their form time and PSHE lessons to support their final choices which will be made in meetings later in the year.

Please visit <https://barnwoodpark.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.

Login with the following information:

Student's First Name

Student's Surname

Student's Date of Birth

Headteacher: Mrs. Karen Clinton, BA (Hons.), MA, NPQH, PGCE

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The 'School Cloud' online appointment booking system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Each slot is 5 minutes long and the system will build in 5 minutes gaps in-between to allow you to get to your next appointment. Teachers may have already invited you to a meeting if they feel it is important to speak with you. You can accept these scheduled appointments or adjust the time if necessary.

Appointment booking will open from **12pm on Monday 18th December**, and will close at 12.00pm on Friday 12th January. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office. If you have difficulty logging into our School Cloud, please contact the school office or email admin@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk.

If parents/carers or students cannot make this evening it is vital students speak to Mr Fuller or Miss Owen (Pastoral Lead in Year 9) in advance.

We expect to see parents/carers of all our Year 9 students at this event. It is a vital opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about their progress subjects and discuss what they need to do in order to improve their progress.

Yours sincerely

Miss Owen Head of Year 9

Mr Fuller Deputy Headteacher