

22nd January 2019

Dear Families,

On Monday 11th February, at 5.45pm, we will be holding an options evening for Year 9 pupils and their families. We will be starting promptly at 6.00pm. Please arrive by 5.45pm. This event is for Year 9 pupils based both at the Thamesfield Way and the Salisbury Road sites. There will not be a separate event for Thamesfield Way pupils.

The following subjects are compulsory for all pupils. Double science is counted as two GCSEs:

1	English Language	3	Maths
2	English Literature	4	Double Science

Pupils must choose four options from the following list. Pupils must choose one of the following as a minimum: **French, history, geography**. Pupils can choose all three of these subjects if they wish. Some pupils will be directed to take additional English and maths. This will restrict their options further. Most pupils are expected to study nine subjects. We do not allow pupils to study more than nine subjects.

1	Child Development	6	Music
2	PE	7	RE
3	Art	8	History
4	Photography	9	French
5	Drama	10	Geography

A typical options profile might look like the following:

1	English Language	6	History
2	English Literature	7	Geography
3	Maths	8	Art
4	Science	9	PE
5	Science		

Many schools make a foreign language compulsory at GCSE. We do not. Pupils wishing to study French must be willing to practise speaking. Speaking accounts for 25% of the French GCSE mark.

Pupils wishing to take photography will be expected to work very independently outside of school as they build up their portfolio. This is a major commitment. The BTEC qualifications in Music, PE and Drama qualification all contain practical and theory elements. Pupils should bear this in mind. All three of these subjects require extensive independent study outside of school.

At Charter we study, amongst other texts, *An Inspector Calls* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Youtube features a BBC production of *Romeo and Juliet* (1976) and *An Inspector Calls* (1982) which we would strongly encourage pupils, and their families, to watch repeatedly. Youtube is free to viewers. As a whole school, we are also memorising the poems 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' and 'Ozymandias'. Other poems will follow. We greatly encourage all families to support their children in the learning of these poems.

As ever, we strongly encourage families to visit Charter, take a tour of the school and see, with their own eyes, what has been described as a "miraculous turnaround".

Best wishes,



Mr B Smith  
Headmaster