



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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19 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 9 GCSE Options Evening - Wednesday 31 January 2024**

The Year 9 Options Evening will take place on **Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 6.00pm**. The evening is designed to provide students and parents with all the information you need to make an informed choice before the deadline of **Friday 1 March 2024**.

The Year 9 Options Evening is to supplement the information provided in the attached booklet, which is also available on the [school website](#), and includes an options guide and information from Heads of Department for optional subjects.

All students will take the Core Subjects of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) and PE (non-GCSE subject).

Students choose an additional **three subjects** to take at GCSE from the list below:

- Art Graphic Communication
- Art and Design Textiles
- Fine Art
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages – French, German and Spanish
- Music
- Physical Education

Students will study 10 GCSE subjects. Any additional GCSE twilight courses need to be agreed with the twilight class teacher and Head of Year.

**Headteacher:** Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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The Options Evening will involve a talk from the Headteacher and Head of Year, followed by the opportunity to visit departments to talk to teachers and find out more about our GCSE courses.

The form for making the GCSE choices will be completed electronically and you will be sent a link to the form after the evening on **Thursday 1 February 2024**. All option choices must be submitted by the deadline of **Friday 1 March 2024**.

I would encourage you to start discussing and considering the GCSE options with your daughter if you have not done so already. If your daughter finds it difficult to decide on a particular career-path or subject, we advise you to consider which subjects they enjoy most and have a proven academic ability or potential in. To allow a wider range of choices to be kept open for your daughter's future, please do try to maintain a balance of subjects.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miss Jordan".

**Miss R Jordan**  
**Head of Year 9**