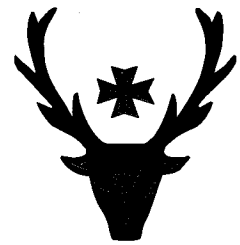


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An Academy with Specialisms in
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Dear Parents

Headteacher:
Mr S Robson MA NPQH

To assist your child in his/her choices for GCSE and BTEC options I would like to outline the support that will be available to ensure that your child makes an informed and appropriate choice:

1. Options Booklet issued in late January 2012

Your child's form tutor will explain the process and options to your child. Please read this booklet carefully with your child.

2. Option assemblies on 23 January and also on 30 January and 6 February 2012

Three assemblies will be held for Year 9 students between 12.20 and 13.10 to explain the key features of the subjects **not** studied in Years 7 to 9.

- 23/01/12 - Option Process - GCSE Classics, GCSE Media, GCSE Sociology, GCSE Science.
- 30/01/12 - BTEC Construction, BTEC Health & Social Care, BTEC Music Technology, GCSE Economics & Business Studies, Hairdressing.
- 06/02/12 - BTEC Business, BTEC Travel & Tourism, BTEC Sport & Fitness, GCSE Catering.

3. Draft choices to be returned to the Form Tutor by Tuesday 8 February 2012

Please could you discuss with your child which subjects he/she should take. This is only a draft and changes can be made. Your child's Form Tutor and Deputy Headteacher will use the draft form to see if they feel your child has made appropriate choices.

4. Interview with Deputy Headteacher between 20 February and 1 March 2012

Your child will have a one to one interview with a Deputy Headteacher to discuss the draft choices that they have made.

Mission Statement

Haydon School is committed to the achievement of individual excellence, encouraging students to be creative and considerate, confident of their role in society and capable of rising to the challenges of a diverse and rapidly developing global economy.



5. Year 9 Options Evening Thursday 1 March 2012 (6.30 to 8.30)

This evening will comprise two parts. There will be presentations about the options process and an opportunity to talk to subject staff and view displays. The Connexions Service may also be present.

6. Year 9 Subject Teacher evening Wednesday 7 March 2012 (from 2.15 – 4.45 and from 6.00 – 8.30)

You will be able to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

7. Deadline for submission of final options form Friday 23 March 2012

This is an extremely important time for your child and I hope that the above arrangements will give sufficient information for an informed option choice. At Haydon School GCSE/BTEC Options start after May half-term which gains an extra half term before public examinations in Year 11.

The Connexions Service is also available in school to provide guidance to students on careers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S R Robson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**S R Robson
Headteacher**