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## BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening, scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This event marks a significant milestone in your child's education journey. There will be an information talk at 5.00pm and 5.30pm in the Main Hall.

As your child progresses into Years 10 and 11, it becomes imperative to select courses that align with their interests, strengths, and future aspirations. This evening provides an opportunity to address fundamental questions for the first time:

*"What subjects do I truly enjoy studying?"*

*"What am I proficient at?"*

*"What career paths do I envision after completing school?"*

The Options Evening aims to equip both parents and students with comprehensive information about the available subjects. Teachers from various departments will be present to discuss the curriculum, answer queries, and showcase examples of student work.

Many of our students pursue the EBacc (English Baccalaureate) pathway, which is highly valued by prestigious institutions such as Russell Group Universities. These universities often prefer candidates who have studied at least one of the 'facilitating' subjects at GCSE level, which are typically included in the EBacc. Therefore, it's crucial to consider this pathway when making choices.

While most GCSE subjects have been introduced during Key Stage 3, it's important to note that the GCSE syllabus may vary slightly. Each student will receive an Options booklet, which can also be accessed on our school website. We encourage you to engage with subject teachers to ensure that the selected courses align with your child's interests and strengths.

Please be aware that the duration of GCSE courses is two years, culminating in examinations and certification at the end of Year 11. Additionally, the school reserves the right to modify a student's options if it's deemed that they may not thrive in a particular subject or due to staffing limitations and practical constraints. Rest assured, we will maintain open communication with both students and parents/carers in such instances.

Lastly, it's essential to note that the availability of 'A' Level courses for a particular subject in Year 12 is not guaranteed solely based on the GCSE offering.

We look forward to your participation in this important event, and together, we will ensure that your child makes informed decisions regarding their educational journey.

Yours Sincerely

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