



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We invite you to attend our options evening, known at QPHS as Guided Choices evening on **Thursday 30th January 2025**. The event will begin at 4.30pm with a presentation in the assembly room.

Year 9 students have the opportunity to select a range of subjects to study in Year 10 and 11. These decisions are very important and we want to ensure that students are guided to make the right choices for them and their future. To help students in their decision making process, after the presentation in the assembly room, families will have the opportunity to speak to different subject teachers about their curriculum offer. On the evening, you will be provided with an options booklet which will include information about each subject as well as the form which will be used to make your selections.

Students in Year 9 have faced a lot of adversity in their education over the past few years. Due to the Covid lockdowns, these students did not fully complete their Key Stage 2 curriculum. This has had the largest impact on progress in literacy and numeracy through into high school. These skills are not only vital for English and maths but are used across all subjects in school.

We are very keen to support your child to reach their potential and therefore they will be following the GEM (Get English and Maths) pathway for their GCSE options. They will receive additional targeted support in English and maths to help them achieve the best possible outcome in these core subjects. Students must achieve a grade 4 in both of these subjects in Year 11, otherwise they will be required to re-sit these qualifications again if they continue in mainstream education. In addition, to be accepted onto a lot of college / 6th Form courses, a grade 4 in English and maths is required. We want to ensure that students can go on to study whatever they desire after Year 11 and their options are not restricted by their English and maths grades. So by having additional English and maths, we are keeping their options open when they progress to post-16 qualifications. A good grounding in these subjects will also support students across other subjects.

At Queen's Park High School, we believe the curriculum supports all learners and everything we do encompasses our school values of 'Inspiring Individuals, Empowering Minds, Defining Futures'. We are very keen for students to choose subjects which cater to their potential and immerse themselves in areas of the curriculum which they are most passionate about. Your child will be offered the choice of 3 GCSE option subjects. One option must be chosen from either geography or history and the other options can be chosen from a suite of different subjects offered.

We aim to offer a bespoke curriculum for each student, however Queen's Park High School reserves the right to make the final decision about the most appropriate Key Stage 4 curriculum on an individual basis.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to school to consider the next steps in their education with us at Queen's Park High School.

Yours faithfully,

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