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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the **Year 9 Options process for 2023**. This is a key stage in the seven year journey of a student through Roding Valley; as they start to make decisions about their future and the subjects that they wish to study for Key Stage 4. Further to my communication with you at the start of this term, I am delighted to launch the microsite with you, that contains all the information that you will need to support your child through the process of choosing their options. The microsite can be accessed [here](#) (the full link is at the bottom as well) - on here you will find videos explaining the process as well as subject information and videos from the subject leads. The microsite is also linked to the main school website, which can be accessed from the High School tab at the top. **The selection form for you to submit your responses is linked onto the microsite, but you will not be able to complete it until after the Options evening.**

You are also invited to our Options evening on Tuesday 7th February from **5.30pm** which will be a chance to meet our subject leads, ask key questions about the curriculum & listen to a talk from the Options Team about the whole process. (This talk will be recorded & will then be posted on the microsite.) Please see the timings below for your child's academic mentor group:

Talk 1: 6pm for students in **Argon, Beryllium, Carbon, Fluorine & Hydrogen**

Talk 2: 6.45pm for students in **Lithium, Magnesium, Neon & Oxygen**

You will need to enter the site via our Brook Road entrance (for pedestrians) or our back Brook Road car park, where you will be directed to the **Brook Building** to sign in. Please note that you will need to attend the talk during your allocated time, based on your child's form group, so will then need to view subjects either before or after the talk. Parents & students will be asked to leave our school site at 7.15pm.

Your son/daughter will also be experiencing a number of supportive sessions during school time to help with this process. The whole year group will have an options assembly on Wednesday 8th February & during that week, they will also be experiencing some GCSE taster lessons during their usual KS3 lessons.

Part of the Options process is for us to place each student onto the pathway that we believe will best support their future and be aspirational at the same time. This decision is based on their prior attainment from year 6, their assessments through years 7 to 9 along with input from subject teachers & leaders. The students have received a letter confirming their pathway **this morning** and this will be explained further during the Options evening. We are also running two options drop in sessions, for any parents that wish to ask any individual questions. To book a place on one of these sessions, please [click here](#). (Linked on Microsite)



As a reminder, the key dates within the process are as follows:

- Options evening- Tuesday 7th February from 5.30pm
- Year 9 Options assembly- Wednesday 8th February
- Taster Week for GCSE subjects- WB 6th February
- Tuesday 21st February & Thursday 23rd February- **Optional clinics- please book via the microsite**

If you have any questions, please use the microsite and the [FAQs section on there](#). There are also links to the staff who you should contact if you have specific questions. Remember: **The selection form for you to submit your responses is linked onto the microsite, but you will not be able to complete it until after the Options evening.**

Finally, I hope you enjoy looking through the microsite and experiencing all of the subjects that we have to offer.

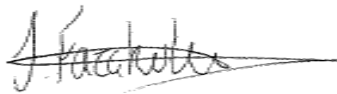
Options Site: <https://sites.google.com/rodingvalley.net/rvhspathwaystosuccess/home>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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