



To Aspire, Endeavour and Thrive Together

18th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this academic year your child will reach the end of Key Stage 3. In September 2022, she/he will begin the final phase of compulsory schooling: Key Stage 4, which will lead to examinations at GCSE level or vocational qualifications (for example, BTECs) and entry to our Sixth Form, Further Education Colleges or Apprenticeships.

This is a very important time for you and your child and we would like to take the opportunity to invite you to our Key Stage 4 Options Evening to be held on:

Thursday 17th March 2022
5:30 pm – 7.00 pm
Venue: The Theatre at Glossopdale School

On the evening, you will receive information about the Key Stage 4 Curriculum. Mr Clark will hold a presentation in The Theatre; this will take place at **6:00pm and at 6:30pm** (the same presentation delivered twice). In addition to the presentation, in the Heart and the Conservatory, subject staff will provide information about the different GCSE and BTEC courses. You and your child will be able to visit as many subject areas as you wish to speak with staff and students who can give you more information about each of the Options subjects, as well as core subjects that all students will study at KS4. You and your child are invited to join us at any point during the evening between the hours of 5:30pm and 7pm, at a time which is most convenient for you.

You can review the KS4 Options Booklet by following this [link](#). includes information about subjects which must be studied by all students; as well as details about those subjects where students have a choice. There is an EBacc subjects option block following directives from the Government to ensure that students continue to study a broad range of subjects. Your son/daughter will have to choose one subject from the EBacc option block and two from the Additional Choices options block. We highly recommend that all students take a language and a humanities EBacc option.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Renshaw, Mrs Johnston, Dr Coimbra, Mr Clark or Ms Smith at any time if you would like further advice.

We will make every attempt to ensure that the process run as smoothly as possible and we will endeavour to have every child on a course that is appropriate to them.

In the meantime, you can review the Year 9 Options page on our website:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/-Curriculum/Year-9-Options/>

Yours sincerely

Mr P Clark
Deputy Headteacher