



21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Year 9 Options Process

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, Year 9 students at The Barlow RC High School are offered a broad and balanced curriculum moving into Key Stage Four, which mainly consists of a number examined subjects. Some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. Students receive information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents and carers your help in supporting this process is essential.

Options booklets will be available from **Thursday 16th March 2023** via the website for students to begin considering the courses offered, although students should resist the temptation to start making any decisions until they receive their options form.

We would like to invite you to our **Options Evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 5pm for BAR and 5.30pm for LOW**. There will be a talk in the Lecture Theatre outlining the options process, the framework within which choices must be made for your child and information about the increased challenge of new GCSE exams. This will be followed by an opportunity to circulate round a market place of stalls, staffed by teachers who are subject specialists, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Following this, there will be an invitation to meet one to one with a staff member on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023** for further discussion regarding Options choices your son/daughter has made.

The **deadline for returning Options Forms via students Family Tutors is 1pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

As a school, we hope to be in a position to finalise this process by **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** when we will inform students of their final options via a letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Turner  
Acting Assistant Headteacher

