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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening Wednesday 24th January 2024 – 6pm to 7.30pm

Over the coming weeks Year 9 students will be making their Key Stage 4 GCSE options choices, ahead of starting their study towards these in September 2024. To facilitate this process, we will be holding our Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening on **Wednesday 24th January 2024**; the event will run from approximately 6pm - 8pm. Please click on the following link to confirm your attendance at the event by **Friday 19th January 2024**. **Due to capacity and health and safety there will be a maximum limit of 2 adults per student permitted to attend. Please may we kindly ask that any siblings are not brought to the event where possible for this reason.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/wNRUucCTAM>

On arrival you will be asked to sign in and you will be directed to either the Main Hall or The Hub. Band A Spanish students and parents will begin in The Hub where there will be an opportunity to speak to subject teachers and Band B Spanish students and parents will begin in the Main Hall where there will be a presentation. You will then switch over for the second part of the evening.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Key Stage 4 Options Booklet, which provides information on the options process and a summary of the courses which will be available to your child. The options booklet contains a QR code which, when scanned, will take you to the Key Stage 4 course guide on The Garibaldi School website. Here you can view detailed information about each of the subjects available. Alternatively, if you are unable to scan the QR code you can view the course guide by typing in the following URL:

www.garibaldischool.co.uk/ks4-options

The online guide is fully desktop, tablet and mobile compatible. If you are unable to access the internet from any device, a printed copy of the course information is available from the school upon request.

In addition to the information contained in the options booklet and through the course guide, I would also like to draw your attention to the English Baccalaureate. This is not a qualification in its own right but is a combination of subjects including English, Maths, Science, a humanities subject (History or Geography) and a language (Spanish) that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, attaining the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and

the broad knowledge that employers are looking for. If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

Further information about the English Baccalaureate and how this combination of subjects can open doors to post 16/18 education opportunities, can be found by searching for DfE EBacc Leaflet or: <https://bit.ly/3iE8aME>

Options choices will be made through the online form which is located on the KS4 options page by clicking on the link www.garibaldischool.co.uk/options-form Please note that this link will not 'go live' until Thursday 25th January 2024 following the information evening to be completed by all Year 9 students.

On the day of the event a printed copy of the Options Choices form is available upon request. Option Choices Forms need to be submitted by Friday **15th March 2024** online or by printed copy. Where forms are not returned by this deadline, students may have options allocated to them. Up to this deadline an updated form could be submitted if required. Please note subject specifications are subject to change and the provision of option subjects is dependent on viable numbers of students opting for them.

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 21st February 2024**. This event gives a further opportunity to ask any final questions relating to the options process or course suitability before the deadline date arrives for completing options forms. Further correspondence will be sent with details of the parents' evening and booking arrangements in the near future.

If you wish to submit a question prior to the event please email administration@garibaldischool.co.uk We will endeavour to address all questions raised as part of the event.

Yours sincerely



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