



## Sprowston Community High School and Sixth Form

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“the purpose of life is a life of purpose”

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### Preparing for Options at Key Stage 4

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

At the end of this academic year the current Year 9 cohort will advance to the Key Stage 4 curriculum. At this stage in their academic studies the students will cease to follow a common education structure, but will instead embark upon the educational pathway of their choice.

Making the right choice of subjects for your child is perhaps one of the most important factors that will determine their future career prospects. Not only will students be given the opportunity to select the subjects they wish to follow, but also the nature of the courses they will follow. The demands and expectations of the different qualification types differ greatly and it is important that our students are correctly matched to the courses that suit their learning needs.

At Sprowston Community High School, we are proud of the support and guidance that we are able to offer as we strive together to ensure that every student is correctly guided and that you feel able to make sound judgements on the best course for your child.

This year due to government recommendations a proportion of the year group will be undertaking modern foreign languages at GCSE, this will apply to students in set 1 language classes and will allow the students to then undertake The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) which consists of a minimum of english, mathematics, history or geography, the sciences and a language.

The remainder of the students will go down the standard options pathways. This will be fully explained at the year 9 parents and students options evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Please find below a list of important dates and further details regarding the events on offer to both you and your child.

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Options booklet and form available on-line**

The options booklet can be found on the school website ([www.sprowstonhigh.org](http://www.sprowstonhigh.org)), from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The options booklet gives full details of all courses on offer and explains how to complete the online options form. A paper copy of the book is available upon request through the school office, but a paper copy will not be sent unless specifically requested.



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at 6.00 – 8.30 pm**  
**Year 9 Parents and Students Options Evening**

We would like to invite the parents, guardians and carers of students in year 9 to an options evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.00 pm. You will be led through the options process; given advice on how to submit the options choices and you will have the opportunity to talk in person to subject teachers ensuring that you have a more rounded overview of the courses on offer.

The evening will begin with a formal presentation in the main hall, after which option subject teachers are available to talk to you in the William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe blocks during the evening. Key staff will also be available in the library to answer your questions and offer specific guidance

The choice of subjects for Key Stage 4 is very important for your son/daughter and we know how important **you** are in the decision process. We therefore hope you will be able to join us.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Subject Specific Assemblies**

Subject leaders will be delivering a series of assemblies to ensure that students are familiar with the demands and expectations of various subjects. As parents/carers and guardians you are also invited to attend any of these assemblies. Assemblies will run from 9:00- 9:15. If you would like to attend any of the assemblies please contact the school office on 01603 485266 to book places.

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Creative Arts
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Design and Technology
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Humanities
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Modern Foreign Languages
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Science (Triple)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Social Sciences
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Business and Enterprise
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Sport and PE
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Options Summary

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 9 Parents' Evening - Subject Information**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Options Forms Deadline**

The options form will be available on the options evening and **the deadline for the submission of the form is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Your FULLY completed form should be handed to Miss Stearman at Student Reception.**

Yours faithfully

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