



10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 Parent Event and Options Process 2023

I would like to invite you to attend our Year 9 Parent Event on:

**Thursday, 23rd March 2023
at 3:30 - 6 pm at Castle View Academy**

The evening is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and discuss how best to support your child at Castle View Academy and at home. Research shows that where parents and academies form strong partnerships, a child's chances of success are greatly improved. I hope therefore that you will be able to contribute to this partnership by coming along to discuss your child's recent progress.

During each meeting with their teachers, the conversation will focus on:

- the progress that your child has made in comparison to last year's ROA results
- their attendance in school
- support and advice with homework and revision for the summer ROAs
- targeted subject specific information and key assessment information
- any other issues you may feel are relevant to supporting them further

The options process for the Key Stage 4 curriculum has now commenced and all relevant material has been distributed to Year 9 pupils in an Option Assembly Launch. Following the launch assembly, students received their options booklet containing the details and information needed to work through the process of selecting examination courses starting in September 2023. We will continue to provide students with a programme that will guide them to consider the impact of their choices with regard to future career paths and Post 16 applications to Sixth Form and colleges.

As you look through the information, please don't be afraid to email tutors or your Head of Year 9, pamela.redman@castleviewacademy.org.uk, who will be able to answer questions and give advice. Alternatively, please email me, matt.gill@castleviewacademy.org.uk, with any questions you may have.

We are asking students to make and return their choices by Friday, 31st March. This is so we can start to plan the timetable in preparation for September but also to have time to speak with every Year 9 student about their choices in a one-to-one meeting.

An electronic form to make selections will be sent out before the Easter break with guidance on how to complete and return it.

We are very much looking forward to working with Year 9 students on making their choices prior to starting Key Stage 4 in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matt Gill
Assistant Vice Principal