

ERCALL WOOD TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

A FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr C Davis

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Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has been given this year's Option Booklet which contains important information regarding choices of courses in Key Stage 4 from September 2012 onwards.

In the booklet there are descriptions of various courses that may be suitable for your child. To ensure that we offer the correct level of course to each individual we have created two different learning pathways, this will be described in detail in the Options assembly. Your child is aware of the details of what each learning pathway involves, and has also been given a copy of the Telford-wide *Area Prospectus*, which lists all the available College courses.

As I am sure you realise, this is an important time for all Year 9 students because decisions have to be made about the subjects they wish to take in Years 10 and 11. The School organises a full Option Guidance Programme which supports the students in making their choices.

A key event is the **Year 9 Options Evening** which takes place on **Wednesday 22nd February starting at 4.30 pm**. For subject areas where choices have to be made, staff will be available between 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm to explain and discuss the nature and requirements of their courses. At 6.00 pm there will be a presentation in the Hall that will seek to explain the Key Stage 4 curriculum with details given about the ranges of courses available, the choices that have to be made and the combinations that are possible. Details of the Pathway Programme will also be explained. It should be noted that there are significant changes to the KS4 curriculum for next year compared with previous years making it even more important that you attend the evening if you can.

To enable me to plan the evening, I would be grateful if you would complete the slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to your son or daughter's tutor.

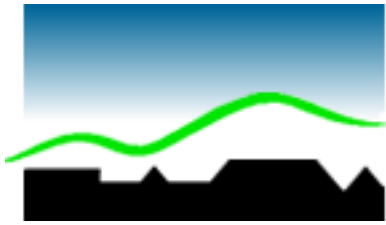
After the option choice forms have been completed on **27th February**, each student will individually discuss their choices with his/her tutor. During this important interview, students will be expected to explain the reasons for their choices and staff should be able to clarify whether the School will be able to timetable their specific set of choices. If there is a difficulty then guidance will be given as to how it may be overcome. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. D Andrews
Assistant Headteacher





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Year 9 Options Evening

I/We will/will not be attending Options Evening on February 22nd 2012, 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

Name of child Tutor Group

Date: Signed:

