

9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

The deadline for Year 9 option choices is today. The online form is [available here](#) for any last minute submissions. The next stage of the process involves timetabling – identifying how many classes of each subject can run in each block and generating class lists. This is a time consuming process, so students won't have their option choices confirmed until later in the summer term. If, for any reasons, there are unexpected problems with choices submitted, we will get in touch with you directly - so please don't panic if you don't hear anything about options for a little while.

My thanks to Mrs Bedford and Mrs Fulcher for the excellent trip to Cambridge on Tuesday. Students had an opportunity to tour St Catharine's College and compete in an engineering challenge. We also enjoyed a presentation from their admissions tutor who dispelled some of the myths around the costs of going to University. The key message is that the hard work students carry out in high school is the foundation for a successful and prosperous life.

Finally, a reminder that our second parents' evening for Year 11 is on Wednesday 28th February – the first week back after half term. Appointments will be available to book from next Friday, but please keep this date clear in your diaries.

With best wishes for the weekend!

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School