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16 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: YEAR 9 PARENTS AND CARERS OPTIONS EVENING – THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026 AT 1600 – 1900

We are pleased to invite you to our Year 9 Parents and Carers Option Evening on Thursday 23 April 2026. This important event offers a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, discuss their progress and achievements to date and receive guidance on how they can enhance their performance in the recent Term 2 Assessments and discuss option choices with a wealth of subjects. It also provides a chance to gain insights into their learning, ask questions and work together with us to support their ongoing growth and success. The Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening will **start at 16:00** and **no appointments** are necessary.

It is essential that at least one family member or trusted adult attends with your child so we can work together to ensure their success. Your child has been in receipt of significant information regarding the options process and I am pleased to be able to share that information with you. Attached is an electronic copy of the Curriculum Booklet <https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/site/data/files/users/2025-2026/91F875B6FA1D9BA313705F04D7CF7531.pdf> a hard copy of which will be available at Parents' Evening. Your child has taken part in some options taster sessions as well as having had assemblies from all options subjects. As a result, they should be in a strong position to select their options from **Friday 24 April 2026**. You will be emailed a Google Form on which to make those options choices; the deadline for returning options choice is **Friday 01 May 2026** – further details can be found in the Curriculum Booklet. At Parents' Evening, members of staff from all options subjects will be available so that you and your child can find out more information regarding the qualification and its suitability to their further education and career aspirations.

There will be a **choice of one free academic resource or reading book**

Please note, these resources will only be available on the night while stocks last and unfortunately, will not be offered at another time.

We will also be offering drop-in clinics, led by our Careers, Literacy, SEND and Mental Wellbeing teams, for those who are interested. **FREE hot food** will be available from 15:30 to 16:30 for families attending the Year 9 Parents Evening, on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Additionally, there will be parental guidance information on various topics for you to engage with at your convenience throughout the evening. If you require an interpreter or any other access arrangements, please inform us in advance. Your child's Progress Leader and Lead Coach will also be available on the night to provide support during the event. Please enter through the community entrance and ample parking will be provided.

Please can you confirm your attendance/non-attendance using this link below, in order that we are clear on numbers to expect and the food we will have available. (You may need to copy and paste this link in Google Chrome <https://forms.gle/vZjGcdrgY51zYq7x7>). Please note that you do not need a Google Account to complete this form.

We look forward to seeing you and working together to ensure your child thrives!

Yours sincerely

Mrs G McLaughlin
HEAD OF SCHOOL