



October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 have made an excellent start to the year with us at Appleton Academy, they have shown an excellent attitude towards their learning, and have had a very purposeful start to the new school year overall.

We are writing to you with some key information about this academic year, which will be useful for you in supporting your child. We want to ensure, as you do, that your child makes as much progress as possible this year with us in school.

Academic Options

Year 9 is an exciting time for our students at Appleton Academy. Throughout the year they will have the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the curriculum which will, in turn, support them to make their option choices in the spring term. We will be holding an options evening and careers fair, in school, on Wednesday 30 March 2022, where you and your child can gain a better understanding of the courses we have on offer and the doors they can open to further education, employment or training post 16. Students will find out which options they have been allocated in the summer term ready for them to commence in September 2022.

Please find a list of key dates below for Year 9 (please be aware that although most events are planned to be held in school, should we return to a national lockdown or be asked to reintroduce restrictions in response to changes in national guidance governing Covid-19, we may have to review this decision). We will of course inform you of any changes to our plans as soon as possible should things change.

Friday 28 January 2022 – Progress Report 1

Tuesday 15 March 2022 – Year 9 Parents' Evening (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

Wednesday 30 March 2022 – Options Evening (4:00pm - 7:00pm)

Friday 8 April 2022 – Options Process Closes

Friday 29 April 2022 – Progress Report 2

Through all of us working together, we know that your children, our students, will have a positive year and will make the progress their hard work deserves. Please contact us at the Academy if you have any questions or concerns. You can put a note in your child's planner and ask for a call back from form tutors or Heads of Year, call our main office on 01274 600550, or you can email via info@appletonacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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