



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

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

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

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 in school for parents and students on Tuesday 5 March 2024. During this event, you and your child will be able to gain a better understanding of the courses we have on offer and the doors these can open to further education, employment or training, once your child reaches post 16. Students will then find out in the summer term which options they have been successfully allocated to, ready for them to commence these in September 2024.

Please find below a list of key dates for Year 9:

Monday 8 January 2024	Progress Report 1
Thursday 8 February 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
Tuesday 5 March 2024	Options Evening (4:00pm – 6:00pm)
Friday 22 March 2024	Options Process Closes
Monday 15 July 2024	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 and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Garlick".

Rachel Garlick
Head of Secondary

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Kate Bateman
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