

14th March 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Guided Choices and Parents' Evening Thursday 23rd March, 16:00-19:00

Welcome to the Year 9 Guided Choices process this academic year. This is the process whereby your child chooses the subjects that they will complete and gain formal qualifications in at the end of Year 11. Please be aware of the importance of this Year 9 Guided Choices and Parents' Evening on Thursday 23rd March, to which you are warmly invited to with your child. This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss progress, and to talk about potential option subjects with Curriculum Leaders and class teachers.

Careers Guidance will be available on the evening and there will be two formal assemblies for parents/carers and students at 16:30 and 17:30. This will be to explain the Guided Choices process. It is advised when booking parental appointments that parents plan to attend one of these assemblies.

The importance of choosing successful courses with your child to be studied to examination level cannot be underestimated. It is a process that does not end in Year 11, but rather is the start of a much-longer process that will continue post-16 and beyond. Choosing courses that your child will find motivating, challenging and enjoyable is essential to a successful future.

The timeline for the Guided Choices process this year is as follows:

Wednesday 15th March

Parents/carers to book subject appointments with English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and MFL teachers using the My Child At School (MCAS) portal.

Please follow the link below which provides guidance on how to setup an account, if you are yet to do so, and provides clear guidance on how to organise appointments:

<https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org/academy-life/my-child-at-school>

Monday 20th March

- Assembly for students to launch Year 9 Guided Choices process
- Guided Choices booklets distributed to students. Parents can view the booklet via our website (Guided Choices link on the left hand tab)

<https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org/learning/year-9-guided-choices>

Tuesday 21st March – Thursday 23rd March

- Assemblies by subject leaders to present option subjects

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Thursday 23rd March - Year 9 Guided Choices and Parents' Evening 16:00-19:00

- Please arrive via the academy's main entrance to sign in with our Student Leaders
- Formal presentations on Guided Choices in the Theatre 16:30 and 17:30 with Dr. Riding (Vice Principal) and Mrs Knight (Head of Year).
- This will be an opportunity to speak with your child's current subject teachers for English, Geography, History, French, Science and Maths, and to speak with the Curriculum Leader/Subject Leader of any Guided Choices subjects that your child is interested in studying.
- Bookings for these subjects will be open via the My Child at School Parent Portal from Wednesday 15th March. You should book with your child's current teacher for these subjects.
- No appointments are necessary for option subjects. These subjects will be based in the Agora as stalls for students and parents/carers to visit during the evening and find out more about any subjects they are looking to study as part of their Guided Choices with subject leaders and teachers.

*please see programme below

Summer Term First half 2023

- Student 1:1 Guided Choices interviews begin with a member of the Academy Leadership Team
- Confirmation of Guided Choices via letter to parents/carers.

September 2023

- Students begin their confirmed Guided Choices subjects.

Thursday 23rd March 2023 Programme

Entrance and parental sign-in <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Main Academy Entrance– Spare booklets and Academy maps available– Mr Gundry, Assistant Principal– Student Leadership Team		
Core Subjects <i>(parental appointments must be pre-booked using the My Child at School application-see above)</i>		
English G.07 Maths G.05 Science G.03 History G.02 Geography G.06 French G.01	Current subject teachers If any teachers are listed as unavailable, this is because they will be based in the Agora for an options subject stall. Please feel free to talk with these teachers about your child's progress during the evening.	Humanities Classrooms
Guided Choices Presentations	Dr. Riding, Vice Principal Mrs Knight, Head of Year 9	Theatre 16:30 Repeated 17:30
Careers Guidance and post-16 colleges	Mr West, CiAG lead Mrs Rance, Careers Advisor College Representatives	Agora stalls
SEND advice (Special Educational Needs)	Mrs Morgan, SEND Manager	G.04

Options subjects stalls <i>(no appointment needed-parental/student drop-ins)</i>		
Food & Nutrition	Mr Collins	
BTEC Music	Miss Mapes	
BTEC Sport	Mr Cook / Mr Parker	
Performing Arts/Dance	Miss O'Reilly / Miss Holloway	
Art & Design	Mr Bartlett	
Health & Social Care	Miss Blake	
Philosophy & Ethics	Mrs Gale	
Computer Science	Dr Pearson	
Photography	Mrs Roath	
RE GCSE	Miss Hothi	

If you have any questions or enquiries about this process, or do not have access to MCAS (My Child at School), please contact the Academy using the email address info@oasislordshill.org.

We are here to support your child in planning for their successful next steps here at the Academy and we very much look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

Yours faithfully



Dr. Karen Riding
Vice Principal