

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX
Head of School: Ms Miranda Baldwin



13 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Options Evening - Thursday 28 March 2019.

At St Matthew Academy we are really proud of our curriculum offer. Our curriculum has enabled our students to achieve some of the very best results in Lewisham. This year we are encouraging the majority of our students to take the EBACC (English Baccalaureate) option. Alongside, English, Maths and Science, the EBACC option involves studying for one of the Humanities subjects; either History or Geography as well as either French or Spanish. The EBACC provides our students with the knowledge and skills needed for a variety of careers post 16; it also encourages aspiration and nurtures ambition, allowing our students to compete globally. Finally, the EBACC allows students access to a balanced curriculum experience when studied alongside the sporting and creative arts subjects

We offer a 3 year KS4 programme starting in Year 9 as we believe this enables our pupils to fully immerse themselves in their chosen subjects and gives ample time for both the delivery and revision of the subjects.

All Year 8 pupils will have taken part in a taster session of 3 selected subjects between 1pm and 3pm on the afternoon of Thursday 28th March 2019. As a result of this, your child will be better equipped to express a choice for their preferred GCSE subjects. In order to further help you and your child make an informed choice, you are invited to attend an Options Evening on **Thursday 28th March at 4:30pm** in the Main Hall.

Below is an outline of what to expect during the evening:

Time	Activity
4.30pm	Visit subject stalls
5.30pm	Presentation from Mr Part, Director of Learning, Ms Francis, Deputy Head Curriculum and Ms Baldwin, Head of School
6:00pm	Visit subject stalls and individual guidance session with Senior Leadership Team (SLT) member if required.

If you are not able to attend this really important evening, please contact your child's form tutor so that other arrangements can be made.

Yours faithfully

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Director of Learning

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