

# YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

**Your future starts now**

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**“Nobody can go back and start  
a new beginning,**

***but anyone can start today and  
make a new ending”***





# Welcome to the Upper Campus Leadership Staff



**Mrs Johnson**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Head of Upper School



**Mrs Francis**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Quality of Education



**Mr Patching**  
Assistant  
Headteacher



**Miss Cooper**  
Assistant  
Headteacher



**Mrs Collier**  
Assistant  
Headteacher



**Mrs Elliott**  
KS4 Behaviour Lead



**Miss Clarke**  
Head of Year 9



**Mrs Jenkins**  
Head of Year 10



**Mr Cozens**  
Head of Year 11



**Miss Hudson**  
KS4 Pastoral Manager



**Mr Daly**  
Head of Sixth Form

# Benefits of being on Upper

- Have had the chance to be around the older students on the campus
- More exam focused environment
- Seen the older students experience mock exams
- Meet more of the staff that will teach GCSE/BTEC subjects







ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

# Every minute in school counts

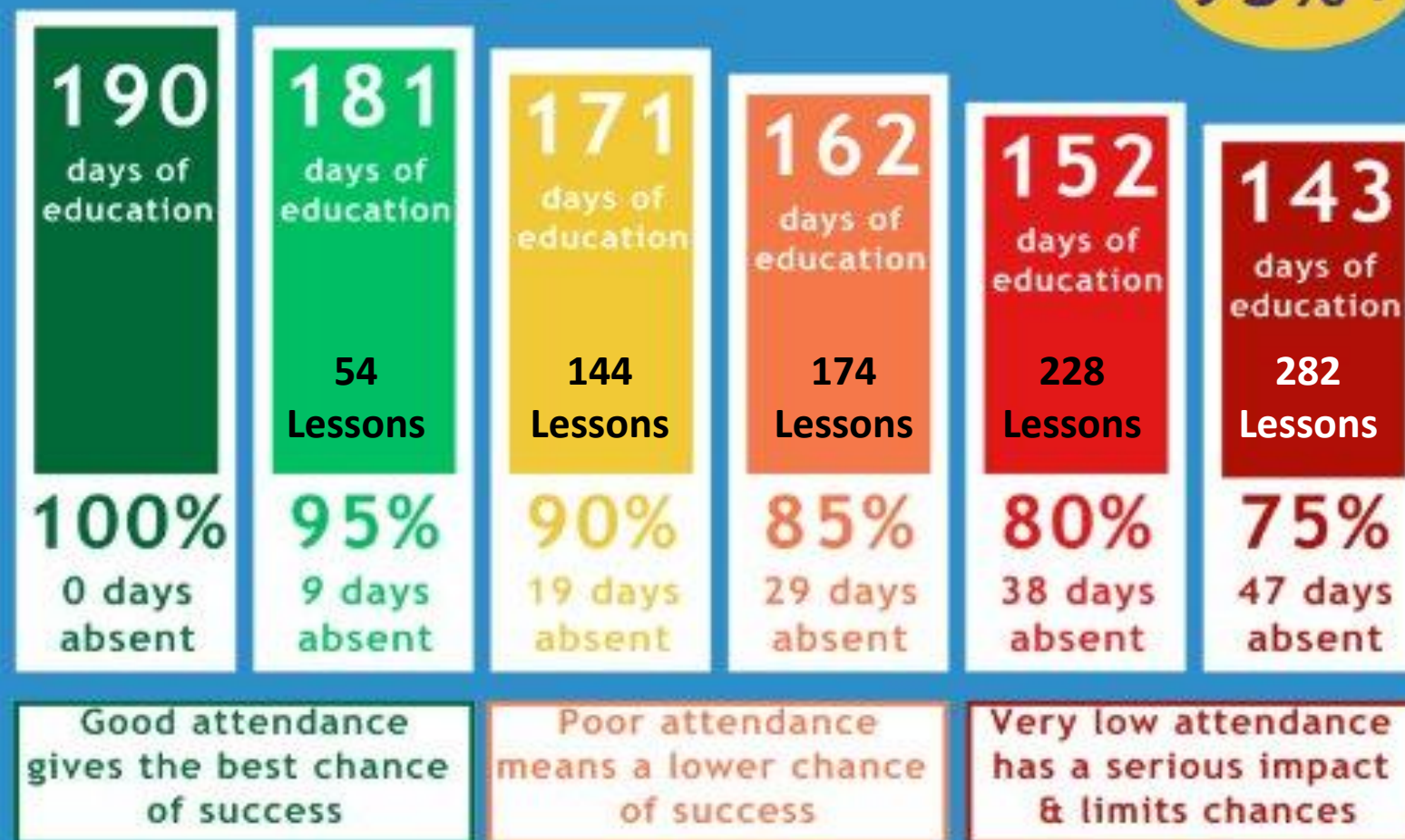


Good attendance at Barnwell means being in school at least 95% of the time = 181 school days.

There are  
**365**  
days in a year

**175**  
days are not  
spent in school!

TARGET  
**95%+**

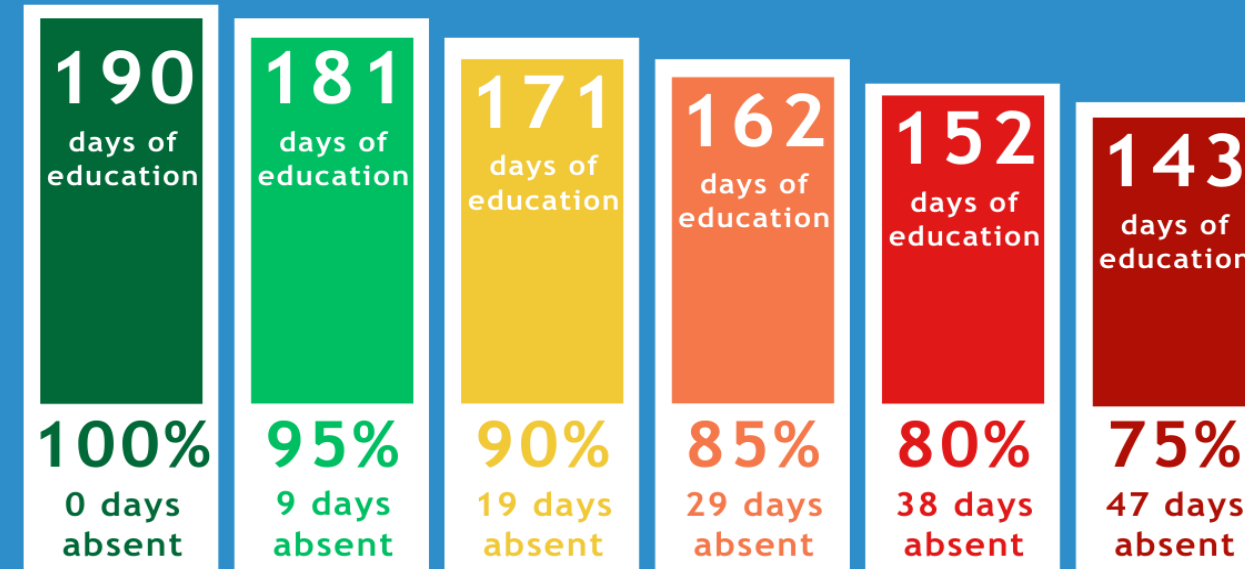






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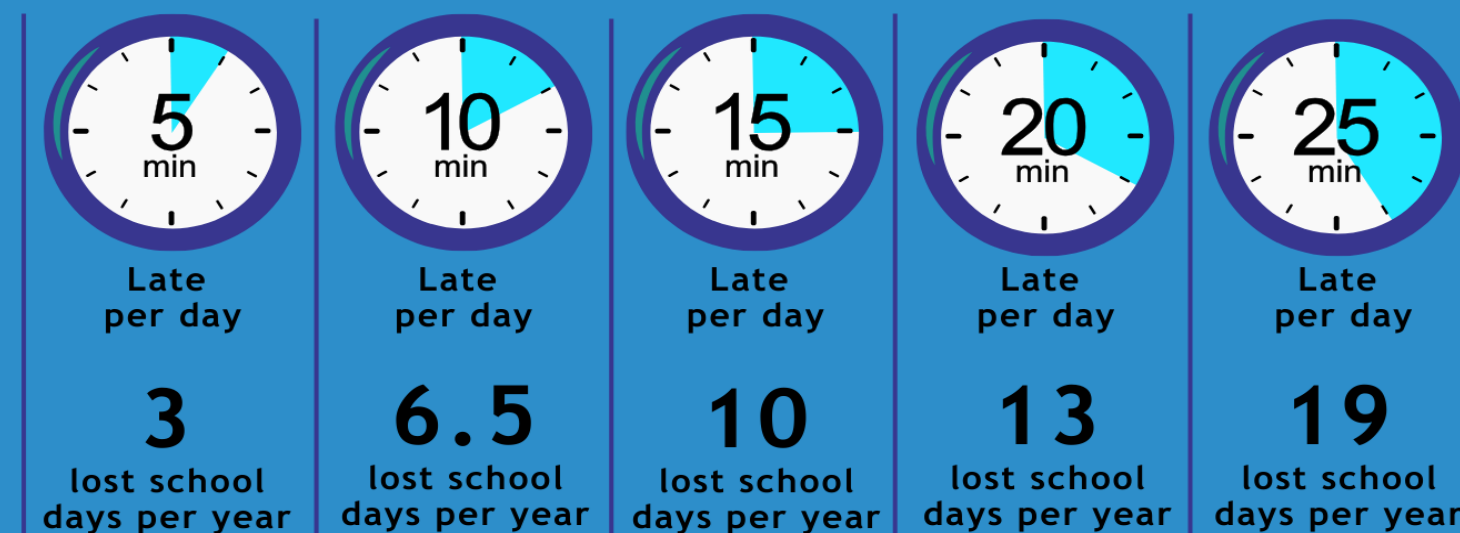
Good attendance at Barnwell means being in school, every day, and ready to learn.



Did you know?  
A two-week holiday during term time means that your attendance cannot be higher than 94.7%

Did you know?  
If you are 15 minutes late everyday, you will have missed two weeks of school across the whole year!

Good punctuality at Barnwell means being in school, on time, every day, and ready to learn.



# Student Progress



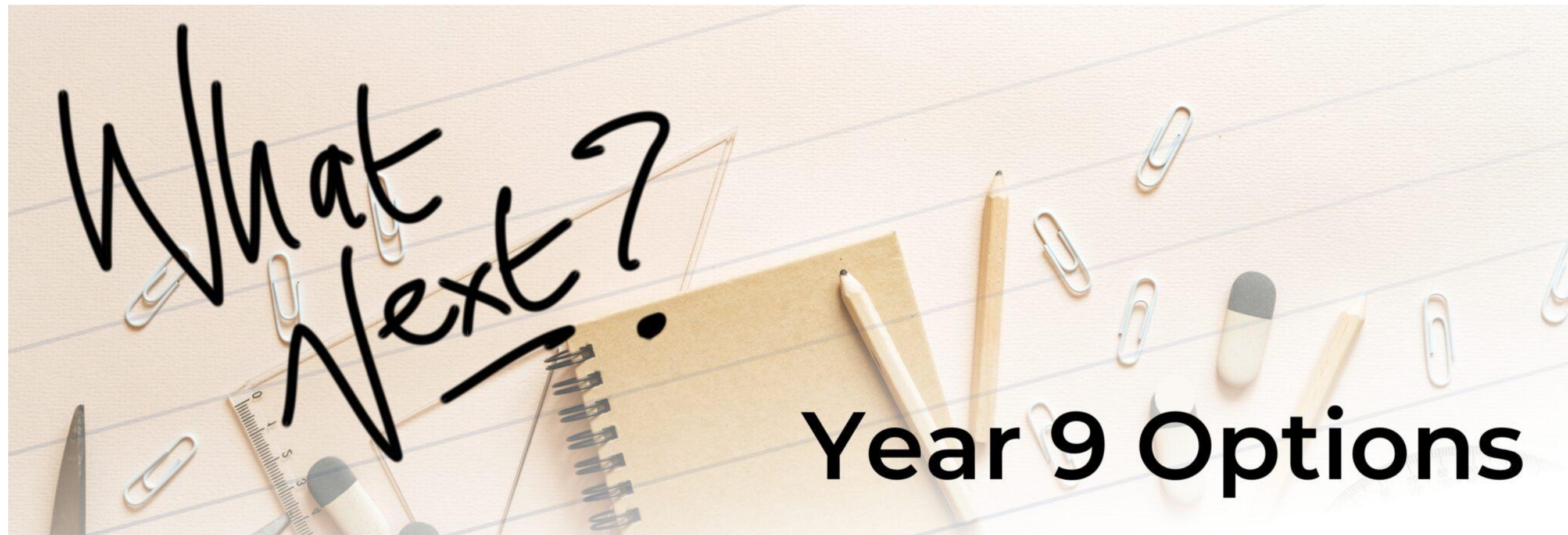
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# The Options Process



## Year 9 Options





## Options Launch Event

**Tuesday 13 January**

Subject presentations about 14-16 courses available online from tomorrow morning.



## Options Focus Week

**Monday 2 February to Friday 6 February**

Discuss potential options in your lessons with your teachers



## Year 9 Parents' Evenings

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

An opportunity to discuss your progress and option choices with class teachers. Book appointments through Edulink.



## 1:1 Options Conversations

**January/Early February**

Students will have the opportunity to request a discussion about their options with a member of our senior team. These options conversations will be held throughout February.



## Form Hand-In Deadline

**Monday 11 February**

All Year 9 Students will need to have completed and submitted the form by 3rd March.



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# Core Subjects

- Maths
- English
- Science
- RE
- Core PE
- PSHE



**MUST DO**





## Reasons you should chose your options

- You enjoy it
- You're interested in the subject
- You're good at it
- It will help with your future career

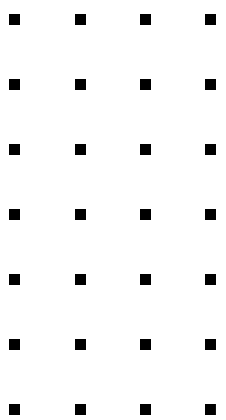






# What should not determine your choice

- Friends
- Parents\*
- Favourite teacher
- Fun factor
- “Easy” option



# Please note...

- Some subjects will only be available for students to choose if they have already been studying them in Year 9.
- These subjects are clearly marked on the options forms with \*\*.
- If your child chooses SPORT, the PE Dept will assign them to either the BTEC or GCSE course depending on which one they are more likely to achieve greatest success on, depending on their individual strengths.







# Progression Routes

**University / Further Education**  
**Modern Apprenticeships**  
**College courses at Levels 2 & 3**  
**Sixth-Form Courses at Level 2 – BTEC Firsts, GCSEs**  
**Sixth-Form Courses at Level 3 – A Levels, BTEC/CTEC Nationals**

**Yellow**

**Orange**

**Red**

**Purple**





Red

Purple

Orange

Yellow

# Guided Option Pathways

These pathways are comprised of subjects designed for students to study at a level and intensity best suited to their ability.

To decide the pathway a student will follow, we have considered their:

- Key Stage 2 prior attainment
- Current reading age
- Progress over time at Barnwell
- GCSE Target grades

Students will select two or three option subjects (depending on their pathway) from the range provided on their options form.



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KS2 Data

Reading  
Ages

Target  
Grades

Progress at  
Barnwell











## *Are options 'first come, first served'?*

- No. We wait until after the options deadline before we start organising the Year 10 timetable and classes.
- We strongly recommend you take the time to research all your options before submitting your final form.
- Do not hand your form in tonight.







# ***Do I need to choose reserve options?***

- Yes. We cannot guarantee you will receive your first-choice options and so you do need to choose 'back-up' options.
- We may need to use your reserve options if a course is undersubscribed and cancelled, if a course is oversubscribed or if the combination of subjects you have chosen cannot be coordinated on your Year 10 timetable.





## *Do I need to rank order my choices?*

- Yes. The software we use to organise the option subjects for Year 10 prioritises your favourite subjects.
- We need you to rank your choices so we know which subjects you are most passionate about.







# Can I change my options if I don't like them?

- The deadline for changing options at the start of Year 10 is mid-September.
- Even then, we cannot guarantee that any changes will be possible.
- It is very important to research your options thoroughly before you submit your choices on 11th February, as you will be studying your Key Stage 4 options for two years.





# Will I be able to drop a subject during Year 10 or 11?

- No
- You will need to study the core curriculum and the option subjects you choose until the end of Year 11.
- There is a misconception that you can drop subjects.







# When will I find out which options I have received?

- The options you have been allocated will be shared with you in June.
- If you have received a 'reserve' option, Mr Patching will speak to you beforehand.





# What happens if I don't choose any options?

- Mr Patching picks them for you!





Personality profile  
✔ Quiz last taken 29 Sep 22: ESFJ and ESTJ

Quiz profile  
✖ 2 of 4 quizzes complete

Exploring

Careers library  
✔ Careers favoured

Subjects library  
✔ Subjects favoured

Know-how library  
✔ Guides favoured

Courses  
✔ 1 course added, 0 completed

MOOC  
Make your first shortlist

Unifrog events  
Interact directly with experts

Activities  
✔ Recorded at least 10

Skills  
✖ Completed all 12

Interactions  
✖ Missing 5 Interaction types

Academics  
✖ No Classes selected

Materials

UK Personal Statement  
✖ Subject added

Subject References  
✖ No References selected

CV / Resumé  
✖ Write CVs tailored for each roles

Notes for Reference writers  
✖ 1 notes missing

UK universities  
0 shortlists

European universities  
0 shortlists

Oxbridge  
0 shortlists

Apprenticeships  
1 shortlist

College / Sixth Form  
0 shortlists

Irish universities  
0 shortlists

Applications

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State prosecutor  
State prosecutors make sure that decisions to bring people to court are fair and likely to succeed.  
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Orthodontist  
Orthodontists examine and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies, and design appliances to realign teeth and jaws.  
[Read the profile](#)

Dentist  
Dentists diagnose and treat teeth and mouth problems, work to prevent dental disease, and promote oral health.  
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Search by keyword  
Search for careers using a keyword

Search by school subjects  
Search for careers using the subjects you're studying at school that you like the most

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Go

Subject 1 eg Biology

Subject 2 (optional)

Subject 3 (optional)

Go

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# What now...?

- Check your pack for your options form.
- Remember it is **not** first come, first served. You need to take your time choosing your options.
- Speak to the subject teachers this evening. There is a notes page in your pack.
- Attend your parents' evening appointments on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Request and attend your options conversation if required.
- Complete the options form by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and hand it in to reception.
- If you have any questions about the process after this evening, please contact Mr Patching in the first instance.

