



FAO: Parents & Carers of Year 9 Students

RE: Careers Week & Options

Dear Parents & Carers

At this time of the academic year, we ask our Year 9 students to begin to think about their option choices for Years 10 & 11 (KS4). This year will be no exception. However, due to the current lockdown and the associated restrictions we will now be delivering the process virtually, rather than face-to-face.

Choosing the right options is very important so this year, as part of the Year 9 curriculum, we will be delivering the following programme of support and guidance for our students:

Monday 25th to Friday 29th January 2021

During tutorial Google Meet (11.15am) each day, students will be provided with information and activities that focus on developing their knowledge and understanding regarding careers. Copies of all the resources will be available via the Denton Community College website.

Friday 29th January 2021

We have worked closely with 'Positive Steps' careers service to provide our students with a unique opportunity. Between 9.00 & 11.00am, students will have the opportunity to take part in a live careers event, during which they will have the opportunity to ask questions and talk to employers from the following sectors:

- Armed Forces
- Construction
- Health & Social Care
- Housing Associations
- ICT
- NHS
- Police Service
- Telecommunications.

(Students attending the event are asked to mute their microphones and turn off their camera. Questions must be submitted through the chat function. The event will be recorded so that students can access the information at a later date via the website)

Monday 2nd February

From Monday 2nd February 2021, we have arranged for a number of local post-16 providers to deliver presentations regarding their institutions to our Year 9 students. These will be delivered through the daily tutorial Google Meet. A breakdown of providers and the dates of their sessions will be shared with students once they are finalised.

I will be writing to you again closer to the February half term outlining the option process and timeline. This will include:

- The launch of videos from Heads of Subject outlining their option subjects
- The launch of the 2021 Options Booklet
- The date for the virtual Year 9 Parents' / Options Evening
- The deadline date for the submission of students' option choices for September 2021

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule

This is the first time since starting school that students have the opportunity to take control of a significant part of their curriculum. Our aim is to support and guide students through this process so that the choices they make are fully informed. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, or the options process in general, please do not hesitate to contact me via s.graham@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk or Mr Knott at j.knott@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk .

Yours sincerely

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