

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



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).

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

Monday 17th to Friday 24th January 2022

During form time each day, students will be provided with information and activities that focus on developing their knowledge and understanding regarding careers. This will include:

- A presentation on Labour Market Information looking at what sorts of employment opportunities exist in the local area and which sectors are growing to give students ideas about possible career paths and where to get further information.
- Use of engaging career diagnostic tool called 'Xello' that will help unlock student's potential by opening their eyes to future career possibilities. If you would like to preview Xello yourself you can do so by following this link: <https://xello.world/en/home-gb/>

Monday 24th January

From Monday 24th January 2022, 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 daily in form time. 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 around the time of the virtual Year 9 Parents Evening on the 3rd of February, 2022 to outline the options process and timeline. This will include:

- The launch of videos from Heads of Subject outlining their option subjects
- The launch of the 2022 Options Booklet
- The deadline date for the submission of students' option choices for September 2022

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.nixon@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk or Mr Knott at j.knott@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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