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Dear Parent / Carer, January 2025

We are entering an important time of the year when our Year 9 students begin to think about and select their subject choices for Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11). To support this process, we are excited to invite you to our dedicated **Year 9 Options Event on Tuesday 18th March.** This event offers an invaluable opportunity for you and your child to explore the various options available, speak directly with subject teachers, engage with current students, and discover the potential careers linked to different subjects. You will also have the chance to view examples of work produced by students in each subject.

To ensure the event runs smoothly, we kindly ask families to attend at the following times based on your child's form group:

- Session 1 (4:30 PM 5:30 PM): Parents/carers of students in 9K, 9L, 9N, 9P, 9Q, 9R
- Session 2 (6:00 PM 7:00 PM): Parents/carers of students in 9S, 9T, 9V, 9W, 9X, 9Y

For health and safety purposes, a register will be taken upon entry.

We are also pleased to announce the launch of our **Year 9 Options Webpage**, which serves as a comprehensive resource to guide you and your child through the options process. This webpage includes:

- Detailed subject information, including what will be studied and how each subject is assessed.
- Presentations and videos from subject teachers, offering further insights.
- Careers guidance and advice to help students understand potential pathways.
- A platform for both students and parents to submit questions.
- Activities designed to help students explore their options.

The webpage is accessible via the Year 9 VIP Zone and can be accessed by clicking <u>here</u>. It will be regularly updated, so we encourage you to visit it frequently for the latest information.

Additionally, we have organised subject specific assemblies to introduce students to the subjects that are new to them and available as options. These include Business Studies, Media, Health & Social Care, Product Design, Psychology, and Sociology.

Throughout this process, we aim to provide ample information and support to ensure students make well informed decisions and select the subjects that are right for them. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Green, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Cathcart, or myself. We look forward to supporting you and your child during this exciting stage in their education.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Ryan Assistant Headteacher - KS3 Lead







