

5th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 9 Options

We are at the time of the year when we ask students in Year 9 to think about and choose their subject choices for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11).

Usually we will have an evening dedicated to Options, where students and parents can come into school and talk to teachers and find out more about the subjects before making choices. As with many things during the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot hold this event due to the restrictions in place. Instead we will be creating an online Year 9 Options section on our website that will contain all the information, advice and guidance for students (and parents) to use to make an informed decision about which subjects to take forward into Year 10. We will have:

- Subject information - what will be studied and how it will be assessed (exams)
- Presentations and videos from teachers talking about their subject.
- Careers week in March
- Facilities for students and parents to ask questions you may have.
- Form time activities.
- Taster lessons for subjects that students have not studied previously.

In short, there will be lots of information and opportunities for you or your child to ask questions and make the best option choices.

This process will start after half-term, but in the meantime I have asked all of Year 9 to complete a quick survey about subject preferences. This is not a final choice - this will be done in March after we have completed all the above activities.

If, in the meantime, you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Varvias, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Banerjee or myself.

Regards



Mr Hart
Associate Deputy Headteacher