



5 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and we hope you have all had a good break.

## GCSE Options for Year 10 - 2022

We are now at the time in Year 9 when your child needs to start thinking about and planning for GCSE options in September 2022. Although many courses have begun some GCSE teaching this year, students select their option subjects during this Spring Term in preparation for September 2022.

This letter outlines below what to expect over the coming term to support you and your child with this process:

### Support for choosing GCSE options

- **Options Information presentation.** We had hoped to invite parents in to deliver this presentation live (as outlined in our calendar), however due to the current situation we will instead be sharing the presentation with you next week. It will take you through the whole option process. You will also be provided with a contact form if you would like to ask us any specific questions about option choices. ***We are now hoping to run an additional after school drop in session for any parents who would like to talk to us about the option process. This is provisionally booked for Thursday 24th February.***
- **Option Booklets.** Students will be provided with an option booklet next week with details on how to choose their options and information about each subject we offer. *Please note that although we aim to run all the options in this booklet that may not be possible if numbers are low or staffing levels change.*
- **Online Option form.** This year we will be asking students to complete their option choices on a google form. This will be done in school and you will find a paper copy of this form in the Option booklet so that you and your child can discuss the different choices and complete the form ready for adding this information electronically in school.
- **Option assemblies.** Throughout January and early February, students will have assemblies about the option process and individual subject assemblies so that they are able to make more informed choices about their options.
- **Student support.** Students will be supported in their life skills lessons, where they will have time to reflect on their skills and future career ideas to help them make suitable option choices. They will also be supported by their subject teachers and tutors.
- **One to one interviews / support.** Although we don't run these for all students we are happy to provide them for any student / parent who would like one. There will be the opportunity to talk to the careers officer or a member of the senior leadership team.

All option forms will need to be completed by Friday 11th March 2022.

Yours sincerely

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