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Dear Year 9 Parents

The Year 9 options process is an important and exciting part of a student's time at Oathall as it is the first time that students have significant choices to make about their curriculum. Making the best decisions at this stage will have an influence over subjects that they may study in the future. We normally host an options evening to provide information about the subjects on offer and the overall process of making option choices. Of course we are having to do things differently this year.

I am writing at this stage to give a brief overview of how we will manage this process. More details will be provided when we get close to key dates.

Detailed information about each subject and how to submit your subject choices will be released in the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January. This will include a short video and an information sheet about each option subject. There will also be a video accompanied by a booklet explaining how the whole process will work.

The subject parents evening calendared for 4th February, will take place online using a platform that we have already used twice and has proved to be very effective. This will provide an opportunity to talk with your child's teachers about the courses on offer and how well suited they are to the subject.

Finally, option choices are submitted online through Insight with a deadline of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Throughout the process you can of course make contact by email or phone if you need further guidance.

With kind regards

**Mr T Houghton**  
Deputy Headteacher