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Dear Year 9 Parents

Subject Option Choices

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 will provide two key online events to give advice and guidance to support students and parents through this process. In addition to this, students will be given further guidance in school. I am writing at this stage to give a brief overview of how we will manage this and more details will be provided in due course.

Detailed information about each subject and how to submit your subject choices will be released via the Oathall website on Wednesday 26 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 year group will also have an assembly in the week beginning 31 January to highlight the key points they should have in mind when reaching their decisions.

The subject parents' evening calendared for Thursday, 3 February will take place online using School Cloud. 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. It will be important to prioritise the subjects that your child is considering taking when booking your appointments.

Finally, option choices are submitted on Insight with a deadline of Thursday 10 February. Throughout the process you can of course make contact by email or phone if you need further guidance, and students can talk with their tutor and teachers.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Houghton
Deputy Headteacher