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Year 9 Options Information Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 students will be embarking on their key stage 4 (Year 10 & Year 11) studies from September 2025 and this term we will be looking at our option process. As a school, we will be providing advice and support as they make important choices about their next steps.

There are a variety of sources of information available to help students this term including: subject teachers, other students, and you, their parents/carers. It is our role as adults is to help each child to make an informed decision.

Whilst we would like to be able to give everyone their first choices, we do have to consider overall group sizes and the availability of staff and resources. In essence, if only a small number of students opt for a subject, it is likely that we would be unable to run that subject. Similarly, there is also a maximum number for some options due to health and safety or equipment, both of which may mean students looking at alternative options. For this reason, we ask for a reserve choice to be made when final options are submitted.

The process and timing for selection will be as follows:

- Week commencing 13th January: Straw poll for year 9. This is used to give an indication of the number of students wanting to take the different courses at key stage 4. This is not their final option choices, just an early indication.
- Week commencing 24th February: Options assembly, this is an assembly that will explain the options process to the students.
- Thursday 27th February: Options evening. During the Options Evening you will all be able to meet subject teachers, ask questions about the course, look at content and how the course is examined as well as discuss your child's suitability to study that course. You will be provided with an options booklet, and this will also be available on our website.
- Monday 3rd March to Friday 21st March: Subject talks in class. These talks will provide students with a clear understanding of the different courses available and the specific requirements and demands of the course.
- Thursday 27th March: Year 9 consultation Evening: At the Parent's Evening you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date and ask any final questions regarding option choices before making any final decisions.
- Monday 31st March: Options forms should be completed and returned by this date.

We hope you find this information useful, and we look forward to welcoming you into school for the options evening on Thursday 27th February. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about this process.

Yours sincerely,



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