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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Year 9 Options Process**

In Year 9 students make their GCSE option choices for the Key Stage 4 courses they will study in Years 10 and 11. This is the first stage in their education that they have some say in the subjects that they study. Choosing the right courses is the first step to success. We will support you and your child through this process as the decisions made now will help shape their future study and progression beyond school.

Our role is to provide a balanced curriculum with a range of recognised qualifications to enable your child to succeed in their future educational and career pathway. In addition to this we will provide guidance on course suitability and future pathways: further study, apprenticeships, and employment.

We have already begun the process with an introductory assembly and insight into careers. Students will be issued with a courses booklet in January which gives full details of all the courses on offer. The **Options Information Evening on Wednesday 20**<sup>th</sup> **January 2021** will give you and your child an opportunity to find out about specific courses and view a presentation to inform you of the process. Further information can also be found on our website on the <u>Year 9 Options Page</u>

## **Year 9 Options Process Key Dates**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Course booklet issued to students
4 <sup>th</sup> January - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Careers support and subject teacher input
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 6:00pm -7:30pm	Option Information Evening (VIRTUAL)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 4:00pm – 6:30pm	Parents' evening (VIRTUAL)
22 <sup>nd</sup> February - 5 <sup>th</sup> March	SLT interviews to make final choices
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Deadline for parents validating the choices.

Yours faithfully,

Tamsin Woodward Deputy Headteacher

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