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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.

Year 9 Options Process Key Dates

Monday 17th January	Course booklet issued to students
Thursday 20th January 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Option Information Evening (VIRTUAL)
Thursday 10th February 4:00pm – 6:30pm	Parents' evening
21st February to 4th March	SLT interviews to make final choices
Monday 21st March	Deadline for parents validating the choices.

As part of the process of helping your child decide on their option choices for Year 10/11, we are holding a virtual **Options Information Evening on Thursday 20th January, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**. The evening will begin with some presentations where we will explain the options process, offer insight into progression routes and explain how choices will affect future pathways. There will be a question and answer session with Ms Woodward (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Evans (our careers advisor). Please use this link to join the virtual event: <https://mhsch.uk/y9optionsevening2022>

You will then have an opportunity to find out about individual courses through the subject videos on the website. We have published the Key Stage 4 Courses booklet to help your child make their option subjects choices. This can be accessed through this link. <https://mhsch.uk/y9options>

We look forward to you and your child's attendance at the evening.

Yours faithfully,

Ms T Woodward
Deputy Headteacher

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