

08 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Options Process

Your child will soon be starting the Year 9 Options Process through which they will choose the Key Stage 4 courses they are going to study in years 10 and 11.

Parents, pupils and school staff all play an important part in the options process. We therefore recommend that you take time to discuss the information contained in this letter with your child and encourage them to start thinking about the Key Stage 4 courses they would like to study.

Due to current circumstances; the Options Process will need to be delivered in a very different way; our Options Evening will be a virtual experience and Options Assemblies will be delivered via live stream in tutor time. We will still issue hard copies of individually recommended pathway booklets, and the Subject Information Booklet will be made available on the website.

The key dates and deadlines for the Options Process are as follows:

- Week beginning Monday 02 November 2020 *Options Assemblies begin*
- Week beginning Monday 16 November 2020 *Options Booklets issued*
- Tuesday 15 December 2020 (4-5pm) *Y9 Options Evening (more details to follow)*
- Friday 05 February 2021 *Deadline to return Options Form to Tutor*

General Information

There is a core programme of study that all students will follow including English, maths, science and PE. Additional options will then be selected from specified groups, details of which will be available in the options booklets (please note that some subjects may change as a result of governmental alterations to qualifications).

Further information on the subject choices will be given during the formal Options Presentation at the Options Evening in December. However, please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information before then.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Grapes
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