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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 9 Options 2021 – 2023

This is a very exciting time for our students in Year 9 as they make decisions on what they intend to study for the next 2 years. Due to the circumstances that we find ourselves in, we have had to adapt our options process from that which was originally planned. Obviously, we still wish to provide the opportunity for students and their families to make informed choices so we have set out a revised process below that will support you to do this. The dates below may need some flexibility as we continue to respond to national guidance on coronavirus.

Date	What	Purpose
5/3/21	Virtual options assembly	Opportunity for students to learn and understand how the options process works
w/b 8/3/21	Options booklet and options form sent home	Information about the process and specific subject information
w/b 8/3/21	Information made available on the school website	This is the presentation that would have been made on options evening and should help to support making your decisions
15/3/21 to 19/3/21	Opportunity to speak to staff about the process or specific subject information	Phone calls or face to face (distanced) meetings to enable specific questions to be answered. Appointments can be made if you would prefer to come into school.
19/3/21	Deadline for returning option form	Date that forms need to be returned to school
22/3/21	Options forms processed	Check forms for accuracy and suitability of subject choices
w/b 22/3/21	Options interviews for those students who require them	1 to 1 meeting with students who need some extra support with their choice or who need to change their choices
By 26/3/21	Decisions made regarding suitability of choices and viability of subjects	Decisions made on viability of courses
Easter Holiday		
w/b 12/4/21	Final confirmation of options choices	We will write home again confirming subject choices for Year 10

As you can see, there are a number of steps in the process to ensure that all decisions are made in an informed way. If, at any time, you have any questions, please contact school in the usual way and we will be happy to answer them as best we can. Thanks for taking the time to read this and I look forward to working with you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

DJ Hallam
Deputy Headteacher

