



An Active Learning Trust School



Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update about Student Options as part of transition from Year 9 into Year 10.

Firstly, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been appointed as Assistant Principal from January 2024, and I will be working within the Quality of Education team, led by Mrs Baxter. At Neale-Wade Academy, we believe all students should have access to a rich, broad and balanced curriculum throughout their time with us. Throughout Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9), your child has had opportunity to study a range of subjects, including Art, Design & Technology, Humanities, Physical Education and Modern Foreign Languages as well as English, Mathematics and Science.

As part of transition from Year 9 into Year 10, all students follow Neale-Wade Academy's Student Options process and select a range of subjects to continue studying at GCSE level. Our Options Evening took place in Autumn, which provided students and their parents an opportunity to talk to subject staff about the qualifications they offer at GCSE level.

On Thu 25th and Fri 26th Jan, we will be delivering a series of short presentations for each GCSE qualification during Life Skills/Ethics lessons in order to provide students with key information required to make an informed decision on which subjects to continue studying into GCSE level.

Mrs Parks is the Academy's Careers Officer who can assist with decision-making on which qualifications are most suitable for future careers. Please speak to your child's form tutor in the first instance if you would like to arrange an appointment with Mrs Parks.

Your child will also have a 1:1 appointment with a member of SLT, Mrs Parks or Miss Lilley to discuss their choices. This will take place this half term. Your child needs to bring with them their draft form having discussed with you, their choices. At the appointment your child will be issued with the final form – this will be pink so we can identify it as the final form. Your child will bring this home for completion and signing.

The final deadline for handing forms direct to Mr Crane is Monday 12th February. We will not accept forms until your child has had their one-to-one appointment for support and advice.

Further guidance will be sent separately from the SEND team if this is applicable to your child. If you have any questions about the Student Options Process or would like more information on your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

Kind Regards,

Mr Mark Crane
Assistant Principal