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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 4 Choices

You will be sent a link to the form you will need to complete to submit your child's Key Stage 4 subject choices. **Please ensure the form is completed by Tuesday 17 February.** You will be asked to select three subjects, as well as one reserve choice.

Your child's first choice must be a humanity, selecting either History or Geography. The remaining two choices are open options from the full range of subjects available. Students who wish to study both History and Geography may do so by choosing one as their first choice and the other as an open option.

You will also need to select a reserve subject, which may be allocated if one of the original choices cannot be accommodated due to timetable constraints or low student numbers. Should this be necessary, we will contact you to explain the issue, confirm whether you are happy for your child to take the reserve choice and discuss any suitable alternatives.

Students wishing to study a Modern Foreign Language must continue with the language they have studied at Key Stage 3. Students in 9M, 9I, 9C, and 9H should select Spanish, while those in 9A, 9E, 9L, and 9S should select French.

Students considering GCSE PE or CNAT Sport may choose only one of these qualifications. If you are unsure which course is most appropriate, please encourage your child to speak with their PE teacher.

If your child is interested in Art and Design subjects, including Art, 3D Design, Graphic Design, Food and Nutrition, or Textiles, they should select only one option from this group. These courses involve substantial controlled assessment and practical work with overlapping deadlines, making it very difficult to study more than one. Exceptionally able students who wish to take more than one Art and Design subject must obtain approval from Miss Reay and Mrs Fishburn.

Students may, if they wish, choose to study both Computer Science and iMedia.

Students who wish to study Separate Sciences must be working at, or above, the "Securing" standard in Science, Maths, and English by the end of Year 9.

Most students will receive their first-choice subjects. You will only be contacted if we need to make a change to the options you have selected. If your child wishes to amend their choices after the form has been submitted or after the deadline has passed, this is still possible, please ask your child to speak to Mr McAuley. We will do our best to accommodate any changes, although some courses may be full. If you have any further questions about the options process, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. McAuley
Deputy Headteacher



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