



Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 9 GCSE Curriculum Choices: Thursday 10 February 3:30pm – 4:00pm**

Further to my previous letter, I would like to share the arrangements for the Year 9 GCSE options process.

This event is a highly valued part of the school calendar. As shared previously, we would normally be looking forward to seeing you in person at the school for a face to face meeting. However, as you will be aware the current Covid 19 restrictions means we must do things slightly differently.

Choosing courses to study in Year 10 and 11 remains a key point in your child's education, therefore we would like to work with you remotely to complete the options process.

To achieve this we have scheduled the following meeting in the **Year 9 Microsoft Teams student area** and we would encourage you to attend via your child's account.

**Thursday 10 February 3:30pm – 4:00pm – Year 9 Options Presentation**

We have also created a **GCSE Options Booklet** which provides an overview of the options process and the details for the courses available to study. The booklet will be given to your child to bring home and it can also be found on the school website, and in Microsoft Teams. As you are aware we have scheduled the Year 9 Parents' Evening on the same day to allow you to ask staff any specific questions related to your child's option choices.

The presentation will be recorded and uploaded to the Year 9 section on Microsoft Teams, if you are unable to attend at the designated time above, you have the option to watch it at a time which is more convenient for you.

All students will continue to take English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science and Core Physical Education. Information on these subjects can be found in the first section of this booklet.

In addition to these subjects, we are delighted to offer a broad range of curriculum choices and these can be found in the second section of the booklet. It is important that you and your child read the enclosed information very carefully in order to fully understand the level and requirements of each course, the type of assessment involved and the possible future career pathways.

Whilst every effort is made to meet student preferences regarding subject choices, this may not always be possible. Should any course be over or under-subscribed, it may be necessary to ask some students to accept their second or third choices. Therefore, careful consideration must also be given to identifying these reserve choices.

Once your child has made their choice, they must complete an online form and submit their choices. The deadline for responses is **Wednesday 16 February 2022**.

**The online form link will be emailed to your child's Teams account following the presentation.**

Any delay in returning the form may result in students not being allocated their preferred subject choice.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher