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Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of this term brings the start of our Options Choices process for our Year 9 students ever closer. As a result, I wanted to share with you some important dates and the timeline for students making their choices.

You will see from the dates below that there will be lots of support for students to receive information about the subjects they can choose, what they will learn about and where these subjects will lead to, as well as opportunities for students to engage with colleges, employers and universities to help them start to consider their future education and careers.

Throughout the process, students will have support from their form tutor, Mrs Kiely, Mrs Wells as the Year 9 Progress Team, and Mr Holden and Mr Ward, who will be the Senior Leaders overseeing options this year.

Key dates:

15th January: Bury College assembly

24th January: Careers Fair (including colleges, employers and universities and apprenticeship providers)

13th February: Y9 Parents' and Carers' Evening virtual 4.30-7.30pm

Week commencing 24th February: Subject-based assemblies (one faculty per day, sharing a wide range of information about the subjects on offer)

6th March: Options Evening (in-person) 4-7.30pm, Colleges attending: Bury College, Bolton College & Holy Cross.

6th March: Options Choices completion form released to parents and carers

27th March: Deadline for Options Choices completion form to be submitted

Week commencing 28th April (provisionally): option choices confirmed with students and parents and carers.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact any of the colleagues detailed above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Watson  
Headteacher