

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Year 9 Options process – update January 2021

Happy New Year to you all. In light of the sudden lockdown enforced on us at the start of term, we have had to make some alterations to the Options process and key dates for our Year 9 students this term.

All Year 9 students will still undergo the same application process, and we will ensure they are able to help make suitable and meaningful subject decisions.

As communicated to you in my previous letter sent, [10<sup>th</sup> December 2020](#), students will be supported by their tutor, subject teachers and senior members of staff throughout the Options process this year.

Please see below revised dates for the 2021 Options process:

- **From w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021** - The Options process will be introduced to students during their PSHCE lessons via subject videos – **please can you make sure they attend these lessons remotely**. Subject videos are currently being put together by each Head of Department and will outline each course in more detail, giving students a thorough understanding of what is required at GCSE level.

Students will be provided with access to these videos from our school You Tube channel, to watch back in their own time. We advise you, as parents/guardians, also, to sit and watch these videos with your child.

- **Remote Options Information Evening postponed to w/c 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021** - our sincere apologies for the delay in getting this to you while we all settle into the unexpected start of term remote arrangements.

During next week you will receive the pre-recorded Parent Options' Information Evening presentation, explaining the Options process in detail and the suggested pathway for your child. You will also receive a link to the online Option form, which needs to be completed with your son/daughter's Options' choices.

- **Extended to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021** - Deadline for return of Options forms.
- **May 2021** - Options will be confirmed and sent to parents/guardians.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's choices, or the Options process, please contact your child's tutor, in the first instance (staff email addresses can be found on the school website).

Yours sincerely,

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