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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: KS4 Options process for Year 9

We will shortly be commencing our KS4 Options process for Year 9 pupils. This is always an exciting time for students, where for many, it will be the first time that they have had say in the education that they receive at school.

There will be many things to consider in choosing the correct selection of subjects to best engage your child over the next 2 years and allow them to pursue their ambitions beyond. In order to support you and your child in making an informed choice, a range of detailed subject information will be made available to you in the coming weeks via the school website.

From **Monday 1 March**, we will formally launch the options process online with a digital version of the KS4 options booklet and an accompanying presentation from me to explain the process and timelines for choosing. At the same time, we will publish a full selection of media files as Powerpoint presentations and videos, to showcase each individual subject that is available and what it would be like to study that course at KS4. This information, all of which will be found on the school website, will provide a comprehensive basis for making an informed choice.

The whole process will run for 4 school weeks, with final choices being submitted via an online form by **Friday 26 March**. We will not be running an information evening this year, due to ongoing Covid restrictions, but Heads of Subject will be available on email throughout the 4 weeks to respond to specific questions and provide additional support in making the choice, should you need it.

For some, the choice will be a straightforward process. For others, it may take a range of conversations and changes of direction to arrive at a final choice. To encourage all to take at least a couple of weeks to consider and digest the subject information, I will wait until the mid-way point of the process before I publish the link to the online selection form. That will also allow the school to focus our efforts on responding to initial queries and subject enquiries.

No doubt your Year 9 child will be excited about the process ahead and I look forward to helping them through the next month in making their KS4 choices. I will notify you via Class Charts when the new Options page of the website is live and open for business.

Until then, best regards.

Mr S McKinstry
Deputy Headteacher

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