



25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 options

Following the Year 9 virtual parents evening that was held at the beginning of term, we would like to continue with our planned GCSE options process. Over the last term we have developed our GCSE curriculum to ensure that we can expand our offer and ensure each pupil receives the best academic pathway to prepare them for the next phase of educational excellence.

To launch this process, Miss Evans and I will be running an introduction event on **Tuesday 2nd February at 5pm**. During this event we will explain the core curriculum offer and our updated options brochure, then explain the process and calendar, showing how pupils can opt for their GCSE subjects. A further letter to all pupils and parents will be sent out shortly, detailing some amendments to the curriculum in all key stages and some of the available options for GCSEs. To timetable these, we will put subjects in blocks, so some combinations may not be viable, but this will be explained in the meeting next week.

We are very aware that when making important decisions like this, pupils may want to speak again to their teachers, and we would encourage this. This can be arranged directly with individual subject teachers.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94238128823?pwd=Sm1tRVNEM2RjRGM5czM0YVlhNjMwZz09>

Meeting ID: 942 3812 8823

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Best wishes,

Phil Arnold
Principal

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