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Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to write to you regarding your child's year 9 Options. Over the coming months your child will embark on a decision-making process that will determine their future pathways and opportunities. Throughout the process we will aim to support your child to make well informed decisions that are right for them as an individual.

The process will run as follows:



We encourage parents to support their child throughout the process in considering the following important questions:

- What subjects do they enjoy?
- What subjects are they good at?
- What would they be interested in doing in the future as a career or in higher education?



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## Key event details:

### 1. Extended Progress report publication

When this report is published we encourage you to begin discussions about options choices and the questions above.

### 2. Virtual Options Evening

This event will run virtually with a series of videos made available to guide you through the evening, the process and the different subjects available. All links will be available through the school website and will allow you to work through at your own pace. Videos will feature key information for each subject including assessment structure and exam board, along with details about the lesson structure, content and future career links.

We will also publish the Options Booklet and share details of how your child can submit their choices.

### 3. Parent teacher consultation evening

This evening will also run virtually and allow parents and students to discuss their different subject options, along with general progress discussions.

### 4. In lesson options support

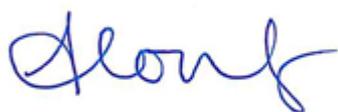
During the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March teachers will use some of the lesson time to discuss options subjects and answer any questions the students may have.

### 5. Deadline for options choices

At the end of Term we will be asking all students to submit their options choices via a Microsoft Form, the link for which will be circulated following Options Evening.

We will provide further guidance on the structure of the decision making process and subject options during the Virtual Open Evening. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Head of School

