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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 options process

We are approaching the point in year 9 where students consider their subject options for Key Stage 4, and at this stage I wanted to write to you to give an overview of how the process will run. Clearly, with current restrictions we are unable to run any face-to-face information events, however we have planned a programme of information that will help guide students and their families through the process.

To help you understand the options process fully and the courses on offer, we will be releasing our options booklet online to families in the next few weeks. This booklet contains key information about each qualification alongside important advice about how to choose your options including careers information. To support the options, we will also be releasing a series of introductory videos from our subject leaders to talk you through this information.

We are then aiming to hold our Options Information Evening on **Thursday 4 February 2021 from 6:30pm**. This will be a live online event and will feature presentations from a range of different staff about the options process and careers guidance, followed by a question and answer session. I will write to you again closer to the event with specific joining instructions, but please do save the date if you possibly can. We will aim to make a recording of the event for any families unable to attend.

Following the Options Information Evening, we have scheduled the year 9 Consultation Evening for **Thursday 25 February 2021**, which will allow families to speak to subject teachers about the options and help finalise choices. You will receive more information about the consultation evening in the near future.

If you have any questions in advance of the release of our options booklet, please do not hesitate to contact me at college.

Yours sincerely

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