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Dear Parent/Carer

One of the most important aspects of Year 9 for our students is their selection of subjects ('Options') to study at Key Stage 4. The process will formally start on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

To help successfully make these important decisions, we will provide an extensive programme of information, advice and guidance. Below is an outline of the Spring Term programme and, in particular, a very important Year 9 Information Evening:

- Year 9 students will be presented with the courses available at a special Year 9 Options Presentation during their EFL lesson on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. They will also receive their Key Stage 4 Course Booklets, which provide information on the courses available and the choices to be made, which they will bring home to discuss with you.
- On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** (from 6.00pm) there will be an **Options Evening for Year 9 parents/carers**. Along with an overview of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum, there will be guidance on completing the online options process. There will also be an opportunity to meet Subject Leaders and to ask questions about their subjects. As your child will be briefed by teachers in school, students do not need to attend this evening. The Year 9 Learning Leader (Mrs Berry) and the Learning Leader for Learning Support (Miss Martland) will also be available to answer any questions that may arise.
- Throughout this term, information and guidance will be provided regarding Key Stage 4 courses for your child in lessons. In March, Year 9 students will also have discussions with their Tutors where they will have an opportunity to discuss their choices.
- The online Options process will close at 09:00 on Wednesday **29<sup>th</sup> March** when all choices will need to have been made.
- In June/July, Year 9 students will have an Options Interview where their Key Stage 4 courses to begin in September 2023 will be confirmed.

Throughout this process, it is important to emphasise that help and advice will always be available from your child's Tutor, Mrs Berry or myself to ensure students are confident that they are making the right choices to support their future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Carter Assistant Headteacher



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