



27th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 9 student,

I am pleased to highlight a dedicated place on our new website which gives information on the Year 9 Options process to parents, carers and students. This information area contains an explanation of the pathway process; a booklet with details of all the courses on offer and a timeline in order to ensure that all choices are made within the requested time scale. The area of the website I refer to can be accessed via the "Parents and Students" tab on the right hand side. (Please click the red lozenge, click on 'learning' and then select 'Key stage 4 Options' (Or use the link below).

Over the next few weeks, subject leaders will be adding video clips, presentations, etc... in order to give students more detail about what the various courses entail. Throughout December, teachers in many subjects will be dedicating part of their lessons to options so that students are able to ask questions about each potential subject choice.

The videos that will be available, over the coming weeks, include a "loom" presentation, from myself, which would normally have been made in a student assembly or an Options Evening presentations for the parents/carers.

Please note that, as a result of the successful online Year 11 Parents' Evening last week, the Year 9 subject Consultation Evening (on 21st January 2021) will also be online. In addition to this, we are considering hosting an options information evening on the 28th January 2020 in a similar vein. Further details on this will follow once we have undertaken an evaluation of the Consultation Evening with the parents/carers of Year 9 students. Assuming we proceed as planned; we will issue a revised date for the completion of the options process.

The Options process has been administered using "Sims options online" for a number of years now. The link, to assist with completion, is in the information booklet. Please note that this link will not be active before 11th January 2021. Upon that date and thereafter, it can be accessed using your daughter's outlook office email, school username and password.

Please note that all Year 9 students will receive an Options Registration email on the 11th January 2021. This email gives access to a web-based options form which allows students to complete and amend their options as many times as they wish until the deadline date (currently 28th January 2021.)

[Davison website Key stage 4 options](#)

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Davies, Deputy Headteacher