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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Options Launch: Online Event – Thursday 18 January 2024 (5:30pm – 6:30pm)**

During this term Year 9 students, with their parents/carers, will begin the process of making their Key Stage 4 course choices. We would like to invite you to our **Year 9 Options Launch Event on Thursday 18 January from 5:30pm until 6:30pm**. This will be an online event only, delivered through Microsoft Teams and the link to join the event has already been sent directly to Year 9 parents.

The purpose of the evening is to outline the process for selecting KS4 subject choices, to present the range and type of subjects we are offering, and the information and support we will provide for you and your child.

***The Options Process (5:30pm – 6:10pm)***

A presentation will be delivered by senior and pastoral staff. It will describe the curriculum choices at Key Stage 4, outline the guidance available to students and explain how to make your choice of subjects.

***Q and A (6:10pm – 6:30pm)***

Throughout the event participants will be able to submit questions in the Q&A box. During the final 20 minutes of the evening, we will answer some of the most frequently asked questions. We will respond to others with written replies during the event.

This is an important evening, and we encourage all parents/carers to attend with their child. If prior commitments prevent you from joining at the time, we will make the recording available via the school website options area.

Students will hear more about this process in several ways; during assembly in school the following day, during tutor periods and they will take part in KS4 taster lessons in each of their subjects during the period 22 January to 2 February.

This year is focused on preparing students for Key Stage 4; ensuring that they choose subjects that will create a range of opportunities in the future. We look forward to talking to you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Fernandes  
Deputy Headteacher - Progress

Mrs K Conway  
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum