

Dear Parents/Carers

7th January 2022

As we move through Year 9 we are approaching the options process for students so that they can select the subjects that they wish to take in Years 10 and 11 as their GCSEs and other qualifications. As you will have seen on the school calendar, we had planned for the process to begin later this month with an evening where you could come into the academy to meet with myself and members of staff to gain information and the courses on offer and the options process. Unfortunately, the current position means that this is not viable at the present time.

We have taken the decision to delay the options process until later in the Spring Term for a number of reasons. Firstly, we are ever hopeful that the current situation will relax so that we are able to invite you into the academy to have face to face meetings to discuss this important process. We are also very aware that the Year 9 students have had significant disruption to their time in school over the past 18 months, so the more time we can provide them in lessons and in gaining a clear idea about the contents and requirements of the different courses will only be beneficial in supporting them making informed choices.

We are also looking to introduce a number of exciting new courses for the Year 9 students to opt for, and we would like to provide as much time as possible for the students to gain an understanding of the new courses and the opportunities that these will create. Considering this, I will be contacting you in the near future with information about the new courses and to ask for an initial indication of interest in courses so that we can ensure we are providing a broad and balanced offer of courses that enable all students to engage with their education and have the best possible outcomes to support their post-16 pathway.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the options process, I will be in contact in the near future with further information.

Kind regards

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