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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 GCSE Options Process September 2022

For our Year 9 pupils at the Academy this time of year presents important opportunities for decisions about the next stage in their education. This letter explains the process of support that your son will receive as he makes the decisions and understands the subjects that are available to him to study from September 2022 onwards.

Pupil Preferences Survey - Friday 28 January 2022

On Friday 28 January 2022 your son will begin the options process with the chance to think about the options that he will study and those that are available to choose from. He will complete a Google form survey that will help the Academy to create option blocks for the students. This is an initial survey and will be used purely as a guide for timetabling purposes at the academy.

Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 24 March 2022, 5pm-6.30pm

This will be a physical event held at the Academy that will begin at 5pm with an explanation of the options process. The process will explain that all pupils will study Maths, English Language, English Literature, Combined Science (2 GCSEs), Spanish and either History or Geography. The students will then have a choice of subjects from two option blocks. In total students will have an increased number of subjects to study compared to previous year groups and this represents a broad and balanced curriculum that is in line with government guidance from September 2022. The event will end with an opportunity for families to meet with and discuss the content of the courses with staff and take away an options booklet and form.

Year 9 Parents Evening - Monday 28 March 2022, 3.15pm-5.45pm

This will be a chance to discuss the subjects directly with your son's current class teacher and to gauge a deeper understanding of his current progress.

Deadline for Options Forms to be returned to the Academy – Friday 22 April 2022

We look forward to working with you over the course of the next few months to help shape the curriculum offer for your son from September 2022 onwards. Should you have any queries or questions about the process then please contact Mr Milner-Pearce, Head of Year 9, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Steven Reader
Assistant Principal

David Milner-Pearce
Head of Year 9