

11 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Y9 Options**

We look forward to welcoming Year 9 back to school tomorrow, Friday 12 March, and would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of the online learning during lockdown. On return to the academy we will be starting the process of allowing students to select their options.

We have been designing a curriculum that allows time for catch up and Covid recovery, whilst giving enough choice for students and curriculum time for option choices. In order to allow students to complete the options process effectively, we will be starting a programme of information for students about this, week beginning 15 March.

The options process will start with an assembly for students together with the issuing of the Options booklet which gives information about the available courses. We will also host a presentation on our website to explain the process and outline the planned curriculum. During the following week the students will receive presentations from the different subject areas to give them more information about courses and we will also hold a virtual Options Evening, using the School Cloud software that we used for the recent Year 9 Parents' Evening. Options Evening will allow parents to book appointments with key staff from the option subjects that their child is considering and allow discussion about the courses and suitability. The virtual Options Evening will be held on Wednesday 24 March and more details and information about booking appointments will follow shortly.

Option selection forms will be issued to students, following the information programme and these forms need to be returned to the Academy after Easter. Courses will be allocated in the summer term and students will be informed of decisions. Please be aware that courses need to be viable to be able to run and places in some subjects may be limited.

Students can also make use of our impartial careers advice, offered by Careers Inc, available in the academy every week for student appointments. Careers appointments can be requested via their Bubble Manager, Mr West or myself.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the academy on 01652 294511.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Collins', with a small blue dot to the right.

**Mr A Collins**  
**Associate Principal**