

January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 9 Options Selections

Over the coming weeks the options process will begin for Year 9 pupils. Students will join an assembly with their tutor on Wednesday 20th January in Brannel Challenge and will then be sent the Options booklet. This, together with information on the process and the qualifications being offered, will also be available on the website and on Teams. I would encourage you to go through this with your child as this gives valuable information on how to complete the process as well the qualifications on offer and contact details for staff should you have any questions.

The timeline for the remainder of the options process is as follows:

- 26th January Parents evening
- Brannel Challenge Tutors hold discussions & advice sessions with students
- 10th February Option form to be completed online
- After Half Term Choices reviewed and 1-1 discussions held with students
- April Final choices confirmed

Students should now be talking with yourselves, researching qualifications for their preferred careers and be talking with their tutors and subject teachers to get all the information they can. When deciding what subjects they should choose, pupils should consider those that they enjoy and will need in their future. They should not be tempted to pick subjects because their friends are, or because they like a teacher. A well balanced and varied timetable is also important.

Students will make their choices online, selecting both preferred and reserve qualifications. Although we do try to give preferred choices, this is not always possible, and therefore students need to think carefully about their reserves. Once they have started their courses, changes can only be made in very exceptional cases in the first half term of Year 10.

As a parent, can I ask that you spend time now talking to your child about their choices, encourage them to take advantage of the help and advice available, and make sure that they have completed the selection process by 10th February at the latest.

Yours sincerely



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