

1 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 9 Options – Online Submission**

On Thursday 29 February 2024, I presented the Options Process to Year 9 students. As part of that session, students were given a green 'Options Booklet', which contains information about the courses available to students from Year 10, as well as details on the 'option blocks' from which choices need to be made.

I hope that your child has shown you this booklet and you have been able to discuss the various courses that are available. If your child was absent for this session, they can pick up their booklet from their form tutor.

To support this process, students are also having presentations from Subject Leaders giving more details on all of the courses available.

#### **Online Submission Process**

Students will need to access and complete the form following the instructions below:

- The form will open from Thursday 14 March 2024 (after the Options Evening presentations) and should be accessed via this link: <u>Online Link</u>
- Students should log in to the form using their school email address.
- Students should review the information below to ensure that they understand which courses can be selected from each block, as well as any constraints upon which courses can be chosen in conjunction with each other.
- The form must be completed and submitted by 3.00pm on Wednesday 27 March 2024
- Course allocation will begin after this date, so will not be affected by how early a student submits their form.

### **Option Blocks**

The option blocks are shown overleaf.

- **Students need to select two courses from Block A**; whilst not compulsory, we do strongly recommend that this selection includes one choice from both the MFL and Social Sciences courses.
- Students also need to select two courses from Block B; again, we do strongly recommend that this selection includes one choice from both the Business/Vocational/Services and the Practical/Creative courses.
- In order to achieve the **Ebacc certificate**, students must select one MFL course **as well as** either History **or** Geography.

Block A	Block B
MFL Social Science      French Geography     Spanish History     Religious     Studies	Business / Vocational  Business Studies  Computer Science Health & Social Care (T)  DT - Graphic Products DT - Product Design Drama Food Preparation & Nutrition Music (GCSE) Performing Arts - Music (T) PE Sport (T)
Learning Support	Learning Support
EAL	EAL

- Students are permitted to choose only **one** course from DT / Construction / Food Preparation & Nutrition.
- Students should pick the language they are studying in Year 9 as their MFL selection.
- Students cannot pick both Drama and Performing Arts.
- Learning Support can only be selected with prior agreement from Miss Jakeman or Mrs Radford; if one of these options is chosen from Block A, then the other course from Block A **cannot** be Religious Studies.

I hope that you and your child are able to attend the Options Evening on **Thursday 14 March 2024**, which will include a presentation outlining the options structure and application process, as well as an opportunity to visit subject stalls to gain further insight into the different courses and talking to specialist subject staff.

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**All Tutor Groups -** 7.00 – 8.00pm: visit subject stalls.

Yours faithfully

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