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Dear Parents/Carers

## YEAR 9 INTO 10 OPTIONS PROCESS

As you may be aware, your child will need to choose the options subjects they wish to study in Year 10. The process for this gets underway this term and I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the details so that you can fully support your child as they make these important decisions.

There will be assemblies throughout January in which options subject teachers will present an overview of their subject so that students have some idea of what the course content will be, how they will be assessed and possible Sixth Form, College and University courses, or jobs those subjects may lead to. In addition, we will be providing students with an overview of the entire process, as well as giving them an opportunity to try out some of those subjects later this term. In February, students will be using the Unifrog platform to look at which subjects and jobs they might be best suited to and the subjects they may wish to look at studying in order to achieve their career aims and ambitions. Parents and students will also have access to the Options Booklet during this half term so that the choices made are as informed as possible.

All students will be required to continue studying the core subjects of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, core PE and PSHE. In addition to these, students will choose three additional subjects to complete their curriculum for key stage 4 (years 10 and 11). As part of those three subjects, all students will continue with one or more from Geography, History or Spanish. The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) consists of Geography or History and Spanish plus one other subject as well as the core. We encourage as many as possible of our More Able students to pick the EBacc suite of subjects for access into a more academic route to Sixth Form, University and beyond.

Currently, we will be looking to offer qualifications in the following subjects as well as the core: Art, Business Studies, Child Development, Computer Science, Creative iMedia, Dance, Design Technology, Drama, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, Hospitality and Catering, PE (non-core), Photography, Psychology and Spanish. Different subjects will be put into three options blocks and your child will be required to choose one subject from each block. Thursday 18 April 2024, is the Year 9 Parents and Options evening and on Friday 19 April 2024, you will receive a Google Form asking your child to make their selections.

The Year 9 tutor team, led by Miss Mead, will be supporting students throughout the process so that no student is left uncertain regarding the process and the information they will have available to them.

We look forward to supporting your child in making these significant choices as they begin to think about their futures.

Thank you for your support and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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