



January 2020

Dear Year 9 Parents & Carers,

## **RE: YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS**

We write to inform you of the forthcoming dates for the Year 9 Options process and explain what you need to do to support your child during this important time. All subject courses have been updated which means that they will have a full two years to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve in their GCSE courses.

Before the Options Evening, we will be talking to Year 9 students in tutor time to ensure they have all information possible and each student will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to discuss their possible choices. Parents are encouraged to attend these interviews with their child.

### **Key Dates**

#### **Year 9 Options Weeks – 26<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Information on individual Option subjects in assemblies.

#### **Year 9 Virtual Options Evening – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 4.30pm – 6.00pm**

This is an opportunity for parents and students to find out about the choices available and how the options procedure works.

The evening will be virtual with introductory presentations from Mr Collins, Mr Connor, Head of Year9, Mrs Hodgkin and Director of Progress Ms Ringsell. Mr Morris will also be giving information on Careers. This will be followed by a series of videos from each subject on the website which will explain what the students will learn whilst studying the course, how they will be assessed and what links the subject has to future careers and progression. There will also be an opportunity to join our Heads of Departments in forums to discuss their subjects in more detail. We will send out further information closer to the time on how to access the videos and forums.

#### **Year 9 Individual student interviews**

Will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> March onwards; it is proposed that these interviews will take place during the late afternoons and early evenings during that week. At this time, it is expected these will also be conducted virtually.

Students and parents will be informed of the date and time of their interview in due course.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Connor  
Vice Principal

Principal: Mr L Collins  
Network Associate Principal: Mr J Scafe