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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 – Options

I am pleased to share with you our course booklet [Ready for year 10](#) ahead of your son/daughter choosing their options in the Spring Term. The booklet will give you details of all the subjects which will be available for your son/daughter to study when he/she enters Year 10 in September 2022 along with further information about the process.

Due to the changing needs of our students, and government directives, we review our curriculum offer yearly so please do not assume that courses and pathways that were available to elder siblings will be the same for our current Year 8 and Year 9. All students will study the core subjects and will then take a further three optional subjects. All GCSE subjects will be graded according to the reformed 9-1 grading system with grade 4 equivalent to an old grade C and grade 7 equivalent to old grade A. BTEC and vocational courses are graded using the existing Distinction, Merit, Pass criteria, (with Distinction* for outstanding attainment).

All students will study the following subjects:

- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Physical Education
- Science (Combine or Triple depending on which set your son/daughter is in)
- History GCSE or Geography GCSE (or both if desired)

Students will then choose two other subjects to complete their GCSE subject profile.

Please note that although we do our best to cater for everyone's choices, this may not always be possible where the number of places on a course is limited by the number of teachers or the equipment and resources available.

In the Spring term there will be the opportunity for you and your son/daughter to talk to departmental representatives and pastoral representatives including the Head of Year 9, our Careers Advisers and/or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

In the meantime, we hope you find the information in our booklet useful and informative, however, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch using our dedicated Year 9 options form: [click here](#).

Yours sincerely

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