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HHS Year 9 students - pathway options



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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options and Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Students in Year 9 will receive their option preference form this week, and I am writing to you to explain the information and support that is being made available to Year 9 students in choosing their options this year.

We were very pleased that we were able to see many of you at our Autumn Term Year 9 Information Meetings which explained the options process. Additionally, you and your child will have received subject-specific feedback during the Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening held on the 18 and 25 November 2021.

To further support student decision making, during January students have participated in an options fair and a 'choosing your options' workshop, which covered:

- Planning their decisions
- Considering their 'network' of contacts to help with decisions
- Personal skills, qualities, interests and career matches for these
- Learning styles and assessments and courses that link to these
- The local, national and international labour market

Students will also benefit from a Year 9 Inspiration Day on 15 February which will involve workshops on potential careers and their future options.

We have a fully-qualified careers advisor based on our site for two days every week and available to meet with Year 9 students on request. If this is something your child would like to access, they should contact their Head of Year or our Careers Leader, Miss Lawes. They can also speak to any of their current subject teachers about their courses. If students have questions regarding subjects that they do not currently study, contact details for someone in school that they can speak to are included in the guide.

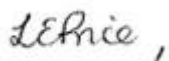
Alongside the options preference form, each student will be given their copy of our Key Stage 4 Pathways booklet. This gives details of all of our courses including the topics covered, how each subject is assessed and common careers paths. I would encourage you to read this with your child and explore the information and options together.



After the preference forms have been collated, students will have a meeting with myself to discuss their preferences and to support them in making informed choices. I hope that Year 9 students enjoy the process, and would ask that they also speak to their tutor if they have any questions.

We recognise that the coming weeks are very important for students as they wrestle with decisions which will have short and long term impacts. If I can be of any further assistance throughout this process, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Price,".

Mrs L Price
Deputy Headteacher