



27th November 2019

Dear parent/guardian.

You may be aware that your son/daughter will be picking options during this year, ready for study at GCSE. All learners study a core curriculum, they then have the choice of three further options.

In previous years, we have used Careers Wales as a platform to conduct trawls to help us finalise what options we offer and to gauge learner interest and popularity. Unfortunately, Careers Wales no longer provide this facility so we are now using our own 'in-house' processes to conduct these initial trawls.

As a result, your son/daughter may well have already talked to you about completing some forms and 'picking' options. I'd like to reassure you that the processes we have conducted so far in school have been to check that our systems will work and to allow learners the opportunity to interact with the format to ensure we can use the data.

During the last week or so, each teacher of an option subject has been into Year 9 assemblies to provide them with information in terms of what studying their subject involves and to answer any questions. There has also been the opportunity for learners to speak to pupils who are currently studying each subject at GCSE to have a peer's perspective.

We are now at the point where we will begin to trawl for initial thoughts regarding subject choice, but no option choices will be finalised until after the Year 9 Parents Evening on 26th February 2019.

There will be further guidance for parents in the form of an Options Booklet which will be uploaded onto the school website before we break up for Christmas, giving you plenty of time to discuss possible option choices with your son/daughter. Please be aware that, there are more options in the booklet than the amount we will run in Year 10. We include them all in order to gauge interest – those subjects that learners do not recruit enough numbers, may not run.

If you have any further questions, do feel free to contact either myself, Mr. Wallis or Mrs Hughes at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head