



12th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options Booklet & Banding

I hope that you and your family are well. You will have received a letter from myself earlier this week, regrettably cancelling the Year 9 Student Led Virtual Academic Tutorial & Options Evening on 25th January 2021 due to the ongoing lockdown.

During part of this evening, your daughter would have made her options choices for Key Stage 4. It is important that she still makes these choices, and I am writing to provide further information of how this will take place.

I have attached a copy of the Options Booklet specific to your daughter's banding, which is **T Band**. Your daughter will have 2 guided option choices and 1 open choice, which in her case could be Separate Science. If your child selects Separate Science this would though be her only open option choice.

This booklet contains lots of useful information about the different courses which are open to your daughter. I would appreciate you taking the time to discuss option choices with your daughter. I would also encourage you to both review the resources on our school website. Every subject has produced a video which provides further information on each course on offer and current Year 10 and 11 students have been interviewed to provide a student's insight into what life is like when studying these subjects.

During the next 2 weeks in your daughter's Year 9 lessons, her teachers will be sharing details about their subject at Key Stage 4. Your daughter will be able to find out about the way that the subjects are examined, how much, if any, controlled assessment is involved and the skills that will be taught. Please encourage her to ask lots of questions as this will be invaluable in helping to choose the right options.

I hope you will find the Options Booklet and additional web-based resources useful and that you support your daughter fully in making these very important decisions.

On Monday 25th January, I will write to you again to provide a personal link to enable you to make your daughter's options choices via an online form. It is important that this is completed promptly as this information allows us to ensure timetabling and staffing requirements are met.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their keen interest and sensible approach to the options process. If you or your daughter have any questions, please send these to options@wrhs1118.co.uk and a member of staff will be happy to answer these for you.

Yours sincerely

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