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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Year 9 Options Process and Key Dates

Headteacher: Mr S Garrity Chair of Governors: Mr C Smith

We are now starting to plan for September 2021 and for what we hope will be a relatively 'normal' school year. Part of this planning involves your child's choices for Year 10 courses.

To help with our planning, it would be helpful if you and your child could **complete this 'initial interest' online** survey no later than midday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. This is only to help build and design the 'Option blocks' and to help us avoid as many impossible combinations as possible.

## Initial interest survey for Year 9 Options - to be completed no later than 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYCwG3TptkKUJQEK3Byuakrj1xlt85pHlrU--64IQz9UQVVaMktCUFNZMjdIWUhWUFFBMzJaSIpaSy4u

Other Key Dates:

- Virtual Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm more details to follow this will be using our new software for virtual appointments and discussions with your child's subject staff. Progress updates, points of praise and next steps feedback.
- Online Year 9 Options Event will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 5:00pm to 7:00pm this will be a chance to see and hear from all GCSE and BTEC course leaders, there will be a live Q and A and talks from core subject leaders on the routes to success in English, Maths and Science.
- Virtual Year 9 Form Tutor Discussions will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 this will be chance for parents and child to talk through their options with the Form Tutor, ask questions and get answers before making choices.
- Year 9 Options Online Form (for making choices) will open on 11<sup>th</sup> February and will close on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Thank you for your support. We hope that the details and dates above reassure you and your child that we can still support in several ways at this crucial stage in your child's education.

Yours faithfully

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Mr S Garrity Headteacher

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