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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Options Event

In my last letter I mentioned our Year 9 Options Event, which is in the calendar for Tuesday 11th January. We have decided to make information live on our website from today, to give you more time to view and discuss the prospectus and videos before the Q&A on Tuesday 11th January at 7pm. The link for the Q&A is on the web page, and we will open the SchoolCloud booking at the start of next term. All SchoolCloud appointments will be online.

The link to view the Year 9 Options Event web page is:

www.qegs.link/ks4options

Frequently asked questions:

- **Do I need to book a SchoolCloud appointment?** No, you only need to book an appointment if you still have questions after viewing the information on the website.
- **Haven't I already chosen options?** No, that was an initial interest survey to help us plan which subjects are 'blocked' together in the timetable. Students enter their final choices in early February.
- **If I don't pick triple science, do I still do all three sciences?** All students study science for ten hours a fortnight as part of the core curriculum, and have biology, chemistry and physics taught separately. Students who opt for triple science study an additional six hours (sixteen in total). Students join A level sciences from both courses, as long as they reach the minimum grades in science and mathematics.
- **Can I study both Art, Craft & Design and Art textiles?** Unfortunately, there are many similarities between these two courses, so students cannot study both at GCSE. In addition, we will be having follow-up conversations with students who have picked both Design and Technology and Engineering, as they have many similarities. We want to make sure students choose the right course for them whilst still following a broad curriculum and enabling options for further study.
- **Where is resistant materials?** Resistant materials (RM) in Year 9 leads onto to the GCSE in Design and Technology. There is more information on this course, plus engineering and construction, on the web page and in the prospectus.

And finally, a reminder of key dates following this event:

- **Year 9 Form Tutor Discussions** will take place from 12th January to 2nd February 2021 - this will be chance for students to talk through their options with the Form Tutor, ask questions and get answers before making choices.
- **Year 9 Options Online Form** will open on 1st February and close on Monday 14th February 2021.
- **Options will be confirmed** to students by Friday 27th May. Following this, parents will receive a link to confirm they are happy with the option choices.

Please do contact me if you have any further questions about this event or the options process.

Yours faithfully

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