

9th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you about the Year 9 Options process. At the end of the process your daughter will be picking the subjects she will study at GCSE in Year 10 and 11.

The process will begin on Tuesday 22nd February with a virtual after school parents meeting beginning at 6pm, followed by an assembly for students on Wednesday 23rd February during Form Time. After half term you will also receive a booklet via email of the subjects that your daughter can select as options in Year 9.

Please find below a table of events that will support you and your daughter to make the options choices:

Date	Activity	Notes
22 Feb	Virtual Information Evening (6pm - 7pm)	To inform parents/carers about options and the process as well as careers information.
23 Feb	Options Assembly	This will launch the process with students
24 Feb - 4 March	Subject Videos in Tutor Time	During this week students will watch videos about each of the option subjects during Form Time
28 Feb	Options booklet	With details of each of the subjects studied at KS4
3rd March	Virtual Parents Evening (4:30pm - 7pm)	Appointments with subject teachers to discuss student progress and suitability for next steps
4 March	Options Letters are given out	Letter will have the the final options blocks to choose from
7 March - 11 March	Options Taster Week	Students will have the chance to experience taster lessons in all the subjects available
14 - 20 March	Virtual Options Drop In	Drop in surgery for students and parents to discuss one to one with Vice Principal (<i>optional</i>)
Friday 25th March	Deadline for all Options Forms	To be given to Mr Archer by 3pm

(items in grey are for parents to attend)

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Please fully engage with all of the events above and collect all the information you and your daughter need to make the options choices as there will not be an opportunity for your daughter to change her choices after the Options Forms have been completed. The link for the parents meeting on Tuesday 22nd Feb will be sent out the day before.

If at any point you feel you need more support with any part of this process, as well as myself, you can also contact the following members of staff:

Mrs Sheen - Raising Standards Leader Year 9 - maria.sheen@dstc.kent.sch.uk

Mr Snipp - Deputy Raising Standards Leader Year 9 - christopher.snipp@dstc.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Sutton - Pastoral Leader Year 9 - lorna.sutton@dstc.kent.sch.uk

Thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Archer", written in a cursive style.

Mr R Archer
Vice Principal



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