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15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Year 9 options process

Dear Parent/Carer

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we will be hosting our virtual Options program for Year 9 students and their families to support them in picking the right courses to study at key stage 4.

We have made the decision that, following its success over the last few years, we would maintain the subject information online and allow for face to face conversation with teachers as part of a more personal approach for families. We are hoping that parent/carers will be able to attend the Year 9 Parents evening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January in school to further discuss these choices with Subject teachers.

On our website, we have placed a series of short information films, including guidance on the process of choosing options. These short films are already live now and can be located at [www.Netherthorpe.academy/y9options](http://www.Netherthorpe.academy/y9options)

It is important to note that the films are a broad and purposeful resource however, there may be some changes, which will be clarified in the options booklet.

**The options information booklet will be published electronically on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January on show my homework/satchel.** The electronic options booklet will also be printed for students and handed to them by their form tutors on their return to school. Further opportunity to discuss this process and their choices will be available in school and parent/carers are encouraged to attend the parents evening on **24<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for further support in making informed choices.

The short online films will support students in selecting the right courses for them. In summary, the timeline for this process is as follows;

- Students and families should watch the information films, available now, regarding the process and subjects on our website.
- Students will be provided on Satchel with the detailed options information booklet from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Paper copies will be provided at the same time.
- Students should carefully take their time to plan their options, gaining advice from the sources identified in the booklet.
- Applications will be made electronically and the deadline for options is **9:00am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

Whether this is the first time you have a child going through the options process with us at Netherthorpe or if you've been here several times before, we will try to do everything we can to provide the right information from which every student can make the right choice for them.

In addition, we have moved your child's report earlier in the academic year, to December. You will receive a report from term one to help with decisions and further prepare you for the discussions at parents evening.

Head of Section- Mr Scott- has asked that if you have any specific questions regarding the options process/subject choices following parents evening, please do not hesitate to contact him on [AScott@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:AScott@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R J Green', written in a cursive style.

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