

Dear Parent

**Year 9 Options 2021**

Pupils in Year 9 will be selecting their Key Stage 4 Options this term. Whilst this is an exciting time, it can also feel quite daunting and so I am writing to outline the 2021 Options Process at Blessed Trinity and to emphasise the support and guidance we offer to both pupils and parents as these important decisions are made.

Pupils will have their first Options Assembly in form time next week. This will be delivered as an online video so that parents can also view it. The assembly is designed to explain the organisation of the Key Stage 4 curriculum at Blessed Trinity and look at the choices pupils do have about the subjects they study in Years 10 and 11.

The 2021 Options Booklet also contains much of this information and gives details about the courses we are offering to Year 9 this year. It is a very useful source of information for you and your child to look through together. Please follow the link below to the school website.

Please click here → **[YEAR 9 - OPTIONS BOOKLET 2021](#)**

At this stage, there is no great hurry to decide, indeed our final deadline for submitting option choices is Friday 19 March 2021. Naturally, however, pupils will be keen to start thinking about their subject choices but the most important advice for them at this moment is to ensure that they are fully engaged in lessons and learning. In the final week of this half term, Year 9 pupils will be receiving their full written reports and at this point we also provide them with Option Recommendations. Recommendations come from class teachers and are provided to guide pupils towards subjects where they are: achieving good grades, showing a positive attitude to learning and suited to studying this subject at Key Stage 4. Additionally, in a small number of cases where courses are oversubscribed, the recommendation will help to secure a place for your child.

After half term, the following are key dates for the Year 9 Diary:

<b>Wednesday, 10 March 2021</b> <b><u>Year 9 Curriculum</u></b> <b><u>Information Evening</u></b>	This important evening is now likely to move online but will still give you and your child the opportunity to talk together with teachers about options. You will also be able hear from our school Careers Advisor.
<b>Friday, 19 March 2021</b> <b><u>Options Deadline</u></b>	This is the deadline for your child to submit their option choices. In the final week of term, we send home a second progress report. Pupils will then have time for a final check of their courses, with parents and form tutors before the Easter break.

I hope this letter has given you an initial overview of the support available in school during the Option process and the time frame for decision making. We are very much aware that parental advice and guidance is also invaluable to pupils at this time, and we very much look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the Options process.

Yours sincerely



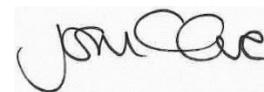
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