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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Options

As we begin to look ahead to the start of Year 10 there is the opportunity to make some subject choices at this stage of your child's school career. The details are set out below. Students will be given help and advice throughout the process to support them to make good choices. This will include the following –

- An options assembly.
- **Options Evening** for current year 9 and 10 students will be held at **6pm on Thursday 19th April** where you and your child will have the opportunity to meet the different subject specialists and find out more about the different option choices.
- Tutors will also discuss options with their tutor group to ensure they are thinking carefully about their choices.

Students currently in Year 9 will now follow a two-year GCSE route for the rest of Key Stage 4. Having sat one option exam in summer 2018, they will study 4 further options over Year 10 and 11. One of these subject choices will need to be a Humanities or an MFL subject. Throughout KS4 your son/daughter will also study a core set of subjects; Mathematics, English, Science, and PE. Pupils will sit examinations in these subjects at the end of year 11. There will not be any GCSE exams for these pupils in Year 10.

Entry on to the Separate Sciences (Triple) course will be determined by the Head of Science. This will take up one option slot. It is expected that all pupils who are in top set science will take this course. Please include this in the ranking if your child is in top set science.

The options booklet, detailing all courses available, is to be found in the KS4 section of the school website, we will also email parents a copy. Please take some time to look at the information included in this document and discuss the options with your child.

We ask all students to rank their preferences 1-6 (so that we have 2 reserve options) and we will endeavour to ensure that students will be allocated to their chosen options. When selecting their options pupils must include a Humanities subject (Geography or History) and/or an MFL subject (French or Spanish).

Please use the attached form to indicate your child's options choices by placing the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 next to the subjects. Please submit this form by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** to tutors.

Throughout this decision making period, please feel free to approach any member of staff for advice. If you feel that you would like to discuss the options process in more detail for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me or the relevant subject staff.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Williams  
KS4 Co-ordinator



# Options Choices



Name:

Tutor Group:

Which course do you currently study?

Spanish  French  No Language Currently Studied  (Please tick)

<b>Subject Options</b>	<b>Preference</b> Rank order 1-6 (1 being your most preferred)
Art	
Business Studies	
Computer Science	
Dance	
Design Technology – Product Design	
Drama	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Geography	
History	
Media Studies	
MFL- French	
MFL- Spanish	
Music	
PE	
Photography	
Religious Education	
Separate Sciences (Triple) Selection for this course will be made by the Head of Science.	

Student please sign: .....

Parent/Carer please sign: .....

**Please return this form to tutors by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**