



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

Our ref: TSR/SCR

16th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

From June 2020 your daughter/son will start studying their GCSE courses. It is therefore time for them to choose which subjects they would like to study. In KS4 all students will study English language, English literature, maths and science GCSEs as well as core PE and PSHE. However, students have choice regarding the four other subjects they will study.

In January Year 9 students will receive more information about the different GCSE courses they can choose to study. Following this the students will complete an online survey identifying which subjects they are interested in choosing as an option subject. This is not your child's options choices; it is just giving the school an indication of the number of students who are considering each subject. We will then build a timetable that maximises the opportunities for students to study the courses they are most interested in.

Options evening will take place on **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. You will receive further details about this evening nearer the time. It is really important that parents and students attend Options evening. Following options evening all Year 9 students and their parents will be offered an opportunity to meet with a senior member of staff to discuss and confirm GCSE choices.

This takes us to the **final deadline** for subject choices, which is **Friday 13th March 2020**. All options forms must be returned to the school by this date.

A copy of the **options booklet**, which provides information about all the subjects available, will be available on the school website this week. Please discuss these options with your son/daughter in preparation for making their choices.

If at any point you have any queries about the options process please contact me or Michael Turner, Head of Key Stage 3 via the main school telephone number or on tim.spencer10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk michael.turner10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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