



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

Before the end of the academic year 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 Key Stage 4 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.

The options booklet is available now on the Fearnhill website with details of all the different courses available at Key Stage 4. Year 9 students will receive more information about the different GCSE courses they can choose to study at the online options evening on Wednesday 13th January. It is really important that parents and students watch the options evening videos.

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.

Application forms will be given to students once the timetable has been built. Students will then have to choose one subject from each of the four available option blocks. Prior to submission of application forms, 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 12th March**. All options forms must be returned to the school by this date.

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 email
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Yours faithfully,

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