



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

Our ref: KL/SC

5th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

Now is the time in your child's education when s/he needs to start thinking about the future. This starts with choosing GCSE options and it is a very important and exciting time. In KS4 all students will study English language, English literature, maths and science GCSE as well as core PE and PSHE. They also need to choose four options subjects.

The options process will start with an **Information Afternoon** on **Tuesday 9th January 2018** when Year 9 students will receive a presentation about the different subjects available for them to choose to study for their GCSEs in years 10 and 11. Following this the students will complete an online survey, during long registration, identifying which subjects they are interested in choosing as an option subject. The option blocks will be created from this survey. This is not your child's options choices; it is just giving the school an indication of the number of students who are considering different subjects.

Options evening is on **Tuesday 27th February 2018** and you will receive further details about this evening nearer the time. We anticipate that all Year 9 students and their parents will attend this evening as it is an ideal opportunity to meet with individual subject teachers and discuss the subject, to see if it is the right choice for your child. 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 GCSE choices. Further details will be available nearer the time.

This takes us to the **final deadline** of **Friday 16th March 2018**; 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 from Tuesday 9th January 2018 to guide you through the process.

The Year 9 students will formally start their GCSE courses on Monday 11th June 2018.

If at any point you have any queries about the options process please contact me or Michael Turner, Head of Key Stage (Years 8 & 9) via the main school telephone number or on katharine.lovell10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk michael.turner10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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