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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am pleased to be writing to you to with important information on our Year 9 options process. This is a very important stage of your child's educational journey and I have the very privileged role of coordinating the support and guidance that students will receive as they make the transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4, and begin their GCSE courses.

The options process itself will be a virtual one. You will receive an electronic booklet detailing all the GCSE courses offered. We encourage you to discuss the available options and combinations with your children and contact subject leaders to ask any subject specific questions. There will be opportunities in school for students to discuss different courses with staff, this will be especially important for subjects, in which students are yet to study.

Below are some important dates, detailing the timescale for the options process.

- **Thursday 22nd February** - Student Options Assembly and options booklet made available
- **Wednesday 28th February** – Optional drop in session for parents and students to discuss any questions face to face, with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, from 5:30-6:30pm
- **Monday 4th March** - Options form available to parents and students
- **Wednesday 13th March** - Submission deadline for options forms
- **May** - Confirmation of option choices

I will communicate again in February to provide more details and guidance as the option process begins.

Kind regards,

Mr A Brown
Assistant Principal
Head of Key Stage 4