

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9

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Many thanks for your continuing positivity and support with remote learning for year 9.

This week pupils have had the opportunity to spend some time in form thinking broadly about their preferences using the Guidance for options booklet. This preparation booklet is currently available from the year 9 options web page. <https://tretherras.net/year-9-options/>

On Monday 8th February the Key Stage 4 Options Booklet will be released via tutor time, made available on the year 9 options web page (link above) and it will be emailed to all parents and carers.

In the Options booklet you will find the details of all the subjects available to your child along with other opportunities for students in Key Stage 4. We strongly encourage you to take time to read through the curriculum booklet when it is released in order that your child can make an informed choice when they finally come to select their option subjects.

On **Thursday 11th of February** pupils will be shown a Powerpoint presentation on the subjects that they can opt for but are not currently part of the Year 9 curriculum: Media, Sociology, Creative I-Media, Enterprise and Marketing, Health and Social Care, Engineering and Sport Science. Podcasts from these subjects are already on the year 9 options web page so you can get a taster of what they might be like.

On **Monday 22nd of February** the year 9 written reports will be emailed to all parents/carers so you have the latest information to inform you when talking to your child their subject choices.

On **Tuesday 23rd February** myself and Mr Higginson Deputy Headteacher, will be hosting a live presentation on the option process along with an opportunity to ask any questions. We will send a link out on the 22nd via text and social media.

Then finally on **Thursday 25th February** we will be hosting our virtual Option Evening using the 'parents evening booking system'. The booking system for Options Evening will open on Monday 15th of February, and you will receive more information about how to book in the coming week. We are encouraging you to make appointments with the respective staff and subjects that your child is considering to opt for. When you go onto the system you will see members of staff available for the subjects the students do not currently study as well as their current subject staff.

You are also encouraged to discuss your child's progress in English and Maths by making appointments with your child's class teacher as these are compulsory subjects at Key Stage 4.

I would like to repeat that I hope you are as excited as I am about our pupils embarking upon the next chapter of their education. Should you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Sloan
Head of Year 9