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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope I find you in good health and coping with the challenges of lockdown.

Key Stage 4 Options Process

During form time this week our pupils will be starting to think about the Options process which will eventually lead to your child choosing the subjects that they will be studying in Years 10 and 11. This week will be aimed at getting our young people to think about their current strengths, future goals, and how those will link into the choices they make now.

On Monday during form time there will be a careers presentation by our Careers Lead, Mrs Henry. Then on Thursday 4th February pupils will be given a booklet which will help them identify their strengths and consider their personal preferences when learning. We would ask that you download this booklet and work through it with your child to help guide them through the choices they need to make.

Once our students have had time to think broadly about their preferences, on Monday 8th February the Key Stage 4 Curriculum booklet will be released via both the website and email to parents and pupils. In the Option 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.

During the next 2 weeks Year 9 curriculum lessons will provide students with further information on the Key stage 4 (years 10 and 11) courses in their current subjects. We have also created a PowerPoint covering those subjects which are available in Key Stage 4 but are not taught in year 9: Media, Sociology, Creative I-Media, Enterprise and Marketing, Health and Social Care, Engineering and Sport Science. Details of these subjects and other relevant information will soon be available on the Year 9 Options web page at <https://tretherras.net/year-9-options/>

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.

Then finally on Thursday 25th February we will be hosting our virtual Option Evening using the 'parents evening booking system'. We will send out more information regarding the options evening during the week beginning 8th February on how and who to book appointments with.

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

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Head of Year 9