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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9

This week students 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 Friday 2nd 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 8th February you and your child are warmly invited to attend a 'face to face' options and parents' evening at Tretherras. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in Maths, English and Science with their class teacher. Appointments can be made via our parents online booking system: <https://tretherras.net/parentsevening>. Throughout the evening, between 4 and 6:30pm you will also be able to visit all the option subject staff to find out more about course content, the suitability of courses for your child and to discuss their progress in the subjects they are currently studying.

Please ensure you seek out those subjects which are new to students, as an option, in years 10 and 11, so that both you and your child can make an informed choice of their options for the next two years.

You will also be sent a link to your child's option form which needs to be completed after the Options Evening on Thursday 8th February and **no later than Thursday 22nd February**. Please ensure, ahead of the Options Evening on 8th February that you are aware of **whether your child is on the Blue or Yellow route option** pathway which is clearly identified at the top of their option form. You can find out more specific information related to the two routes on page 7 of the Option Booklet.

Your child's option form will be emailed to you on Friday 9th February. The form will clearly indicate if they are on the Blue or Yellow pathway.

I hope you are as excited as we are about our students embarking upon the next chapter of their education journey. Should you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely



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