

10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Year 9 Options Information**

I am delighted to write to you at the start of a very important stage of your child's journey with us at Newquay Tretherras. We have begun to introduce your child to the process of selecting their option subjects for study at Key Stage 4.

This is the first time that your child will be able to make decisions about their curriculum, personalising it to match their strengths, whilst ensuring that it gives them as many opportunities as possible in the future.

Our aim is to provide every student with as much guidance and support as possible about their future curriculum choices and how these choices link to further education and employment. As such, there are a number of key events that support this process:

**1. Year 9 Learning Cycle 1 Progress Report**

Following the Year 9 assessments, we will be sharing with you your child's progress report. The report will give you an indication of your child's current progress and engagement with learning within each subject, along with summarising your child's attendance as well as the total positive and negative points they have received.

**2. Year 9 Progress and Options Evening: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm - 6.00pm**

This evening will be an opportunity to hear first-hand from your child's subject teachers about how they are progressing in English, Mathematics and Science. You will be able to book a 5-minute (face to face) appointment slot with their class teachers for these subjects, using the link below.

As well as meeting your child's core teachers, you will also have the chance to explore each of the option subjects in the main hall. All of the subjects offered at KS4 will share details about their courses, including content, assessment methods and the skills developed. Subject specialists will be available to students and parents, answering any questions you may have.

**3. Key Stage 4 Taster Lessons: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Every student will be given the opportunity to participate in a taster lesson for all option subjects. In these lessons, students will learn more about the option subjects available. The lessons will include information about the knowledge they will learn, how they will be assessed and the types of learning activities they will do in lessons. Students will be given a taster session workbook to record key information from each session. Please do go through with them and help them to reflect on whether the course could be right for them.

**4. Year 9 Careers Fayre: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Every Year 9 student was given the chance to visit the Careers Fayre held at Newquay Tretherras on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. This gave them the chance to investigate potential career options and to ask representatives of a multitude of vocations questions to help them further inform their decisions. All students engaged with the external visitors, they were confident and really did themselves and us proud. I hope they came home and shared the new knowledge they gained with you.

#### **5. One-to-one meetings with the senior leadership team**

For those students who might need or want additional support in helping to choose their options, we will have members of the senior leadership team available to meet and guide.

We will also be using assemblies and tutor times to support students in knowing how to make these decisions.

As you can see, there is a comprehensive programme of support in place to assist every student through the options process. We will next write to you to invite you to book appointments on the Year 9 progress and options evening, along with sharing your child's progress report.

We look forward to seeing you in school for the progress and option evening.

Yours faithfully,



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