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Year 9 Options Process

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an exciting time for your child, as they start to think about and select the subjects they will study in years 10 and 11. These are important decisions, and we recommend that they take the time to think carefully about their choices by discussing these at home and engaging in all of the advice and support that we will provide at school.

To support your child in making the right choices during this process we will be offering the following in the run up to pupils choosing their options:

- **9th February PUSH** will be delivering a talk on 'Making a life not a living' providing information to help our Year 9's make informed choices about their career pathway and what skills needed for success.
- **10th February Year 9 Option taster day.** Pupils will get to experience taster lessons in option subjects such as Art, Food, IT, Resistant Materials and Sport. This allows them to have meaningful conversations with the teachers as they experience what it will be like to study the subject at GCSE.
- **Unifrog and Careers Advice.** Pupils also have access to the online careers research tool, Unifrog where they can research lots of different careers and career pathways. We also have a dedicated careers room where pupils can speak with Miss Davidson our Careers Officer.
- **Year 9 Options Tile on Teams & the School Website.** Pupils will be able to access information as they have been added to a specific Year 9 Options tile on MS Teams. This is where we will keep them updated about the options process and where each subject will provide further information about what it means to study their subject at GCSE. This information will also be available to parents and carers via our website.

After the taster day on the 10th February, pupils will be given a link to an online form. This form will allow them to choose and select their options. More information about how this process will work will follow next week.

Yours faithfully

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