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Secondary – Year 9 Options Process



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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you of the upcoming options process for Year 9 students in order that you can play a full part in supporting your child to make informed decisions.

As you know, students in Year 9 continue to study a broad range of subjects as they reach the end of Key Stage 3. However, once they start Year 10 (Key Stage 4), they will narrow their range of subjects to ensure they are studying the most suitable courses to enable them to progress through their chosen pathways post-16.

We hold a special Information Evening for parents/carers of students in Year 9 and this will take place on **Tuesday 25 February 2025**. This event will set out the very specific options and choices that will be available for your child and there will be plenty of opportunity for you to ask questions about that process.

In the meantime, we are encouraging students to continue to enjoy the broad range of subjects that they are currently studying whilst beginning to consider which ones they may wish to further study in Key Stage 4, through reflection on where their strengths and interest lie.

This sets out the timeframe in which this will take place:

Option Process Schedule:

The key dates are as follows:

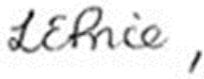
18 October 2024	Initial Assembly highlighting activities ahead
December 2024	Student workshops to explain this process
29 January afternoon	Options Subject Fair - students can discuss courses and find out (during the school day) about the content of each subject with staff and older students
14 February 2025	Students break for half term – opportunity for further research into option subjects
25 February 2025 (6pm)	Year 9 Options Information evening, launch of Pathways Booklets and opening of online option choices form . An information event for parents/carers and students.

6 March 2025	Year 9 Progress Evening - an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss their child's current progress and suitability for studying in Key Stage 4
14 March 2025	Deadline for submission of option choices
March – April 2025	Mrs Price, Deputy Headteacher may discuss options with students on an individual basis. In some cases, students may not need this interview
May – June 2025	Construction of school timetable
July 2025	Parents/carers and students informed of the courses they will study

I hope that this information has helped you to understand the options process at Hessle High School.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Price
Deputy Head – Quality of Education