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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Process and Parents' Evening

This half term is an extremely important one for our Year 9 students, as it is the time when they must decide which subjects they would like to study at GCSE, during Years 10 and 11. At Trinity we are committed to ensuring every student has access to the best course for them regardless of their ability.

To help your child to make an informed decision, there are a number of events taking place in the next few weeks that I would like to tell you about, and hope that you can make every effort to attend.

On Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 January, students will have the opportunity to experience taster sessions in every course available to them at GCSE. Teachers will explain what the subject involves; how it is assessed; and also give them a flavour of some of the course content.

On Thursday 23 January, from 3.45 pm – 5.45 pm, we will be hosting our Year 9 Options Event, for parents and students. During the evening, Mr Guest, Deputy Headteacher, will deliver a short presentation explaining how choices need to be made, and the pathways that have been recommended to students. The first talk will be at 3.45 pm and then repeated several times over the course of the evening.

In addition, all option subject leaders will be available to tell parents all about their subject and what career paths success at GCSE might lead to. It also gives both parents and students an opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

The options forms will also be handed out upon arrival.

The closing date for return of options forms is **Wednesday 12 February**. Students should hand these to their form tutor or directly to Mrs Ewing, our Information, Advice and Guidance Officer.

Following feedback from parents, we have made the decision for the options event and Year 9 parents evening to take place separately, rather than on the same night. This enables you to have a more detailed conversation with your child's current subject teachers and discuss the progress being made. You will also receive a report containing your child's current Attitude to Learning and teacher predictions in each subject.

I would also like to invite you to attend our **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Monday 3 February, between 3.45 pm and 6.15 pm**. As per previous parents' evenings, you will need to make appointments via the online booking system to see each teacher. Further details of this will follow, but please do put the date in your diary.

Mr Guest, Mrs Ewing and other senior staff will be available for general queries or further discussions concerning options, as this evening is still prior to the deadline.

Car Parking at Trinity School Events

Car parking can be challenging at school events. Please note that the car parking spaces on the opposite side of Strand Road to the school are for residents parking only; these must not be used. Traffic wardens do operate in this area and fines may be issued if cars are parked without a resident permit. Car parking is available in either of our main car parks; please use these whenever possible. There is also disc controlled parking available on other sections of Strand Road. Visitors also find there are often spaces available on the roadside around DFS and the Turf, and it is a short walk up Zero Path to the school. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Yours faithfully

A Guest
Deputy Headteacher