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Ms Jo Hawkin  
Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Process**

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.

Next week, Year 9 will receive an assembly which will give them the same information that is being shared in this email. They will be informed of the events that are taking place, and that over the next few weeks they should take the opportunity to find out as much as possible about the courses they can study at Key Stage 4.

On **Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 February** 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;
- What transferable skills they will acquire;
- What careers it could lead to

and will also give them a flavour of some of the course content. **Students will not follow their normal timetable on those days but will be allocated to a group with whom they will remain for the event.** Whilst some students may already have a strong feeling about what they will or won't choose, we want everyone to be fully informed of what each subject involves.

On **Thursday 9 February** we will hold an evening in school where parents and students can talk to subject leaders and ask any questions. There will be a presentation on that evening about the options process and an opportunity for you to ask questions about the process.

If you are concerned about your child's suitability for a particular course, in terms of the level of difficulty, then your child's current teacher in that subject would be the best person to contact. We are still very keen for you to have these questions answered, and so would strongly encourage you to contact staff via email prior to completing the form.

Finally, the options form will be explained during my presentation on 9 February and you will be sent a link to complete this online. The closing date for completion of options forms is **Wednesday 22 February**. The forms should be available online via the school website by **Monday 30 January** should you wish to view them sooner,

Yours faithfully

**D Samson**  
**Deputy Headteacher**