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Dear Parent/carer,

We are writing to inform you about the Year 9 options process.

Next academic year your child will start their GCSEs. Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is designed to build on the strong foundations of Key Stage 3, ensuring students continue to study a broad and balanced curriculum whilst providing an element of choice to allow the opportunity to focus on some subjects in greater depth. We recognise that students have inevitably faced some disruption over Covid and we have intentionally refined our curriculum offer to allow students sufficient time to gain that deeper understanding of their Key Stage 4 curriculum, to support them with progression to Post-16 and beyond.

This term your Year 9 child will get the opportunity to consider their interests and aspirations and choose an element of the curriculum that they will be studying in Key Stage 4. We wanted to update you on this process.

This process will be launched this week in computing lessons, where your child will get information about Options 2022 and will complete an initial questionnaire to indicate subject interest. This will allow us to refine our curriculum offer. The final options choices will be shared week commencing 7 February, when students will be given their options booklet and the forms on which they will submit their options choices. There will also be additional guidance available on our website. Throughout this time, subject staff will also be available for students during lessons to talk to and seek advice during lessons, as will form tutors, the pastoral team and the senior leadership team.

On Thursday 24 February we will host a digital options evening, when you and your child will get the opportunity to speak to relevant subject teachers. The University of Leicester outreach team will also be available that evening to offer additional guidance.

After this, students will have until 3pm Friday 11 March 2022 to return their options form.

We recognise that this decision making process is an important milestone in a student's life and we look forward to working in partnership with you to support and secure your child's learning for the future.

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