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Dear Parent/Carer

### Subject choices for GCSE courses – Year 9

By **Wednesday 28 February** you and «Forename» will need to make decisions concerning the choice of GCSE courses for Year 10 and 11. The booklet, which accompanies this letter, describes the courses which are offered and will help you to make an informed decision. I will introduce the options system to the pupils in a special assembly, and by the deadline date pupils will have had lessons on making choices. Further to the publication of this printed material, there will be an information session, for parents and year 9 students, on **Thursday 8 February at 6.45pm in the Swann Hall – please use the North Street entrance**. The first part of the evening will be information about decision making and how the options system works. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet subject staff who will present displays of work and the courses on offer. To help us plan appropriate seating arrangements, please complete and return the reply slip overleaf, via the form tutor.

There is a clear framework within which a limited amount of choice is available. The framework ensures that certain government requirements are met and ensures all pupils embark on a broad and balanced range of subjects at key stage four. We would not want anyone to make decisions now that may close down opportunities later and give cause for regret. Please see the options booklet and application form for a fuller explanation of the choices; I would urge you to read this information carefully.

The option choice information will be used to plan next year's timetable and we will do our best to accommodate as many pupils' first choice subjects as we can. Please note that the reserve subject choice as indicated on the form would only be used after consultation with pupils and parents and would only come into effect if a subject was significantly oversubscribed.

Please ensure the completed options choice form is returned, with your signature, to «Forename»'s form teacher by **Wednesday 28 February**.

Yours sincerely

**P Roberts**  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

**Options information evening reply slip:**

Please complete and return to your form tutor no later than Monday 29 January.

Student's name:

**Form:**

I/We will/will not\* be attending the options information evening on Thursday 8 February at 6.45pm.

\*delete as appropriate

Number of seats required – max 3 seats including

Parental signature