



**MEDEN**  
SCHOOL

## Year 9 Options Event

24 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are all as well as can be in these challenging times. We are immensely proud of the resilience shown by the students, and we are grateful for all of your help and support.

We are going to ask Y9 students to start the options process online. **A link will go live on the school website on Friday afternoon.** From here, you and your child can access the information about the subjects on offer. Even though your child may feel that they already know which subjects they would like to choose, watching any videos or presentations will be helpful in confirming their decisions.

Students have been briefed in school about the Options Process and the importance of taking time to choose the subjects that are right for them. Each subject has then produced some further details on the content of their course; some have created a video or presentation which also includes key information. If you feel that you would like more information about any of the subjects, please email your child's tutor, who will pass on the message to the relevant member of staff, who will then contact you directly.

Once your child feels ready to make their choices, they will do this through an easy, online form. Although students will only study four options, they will be asked to choose 2 reserves. This is because, inevitably, some courses may not run (where there is not enough interest), or the timetabling means that two of a student's choices end up in the same 'block', and so they cannot study both of them. The reserve choices are therefore, very important and need to be considered carefully.

When completing the form:

1. Student must choose 6 subjects in total. This includes their 4 preferred options plus 2 backup choices. It is important that they choose them in the order of preference, so number 1 is their most preferred choice.
2. To ensure that students are following a broad and balanced curriculum, at least one of their 4 main choices must be French, history or geography. They can choose two, or all three of these subjects if they wish to.

As I stated in my previous letter, this can be a very exciting time for our students, but I am equally aware that some will find it confusing or daunting. We work very closely with the students to guide them through this process; however, if at any time, you or your child would like more information or support, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor, in the first instance.

Thank you for your continuing support. Kind regards,

Mrs Brett  
Deputy Head