

20th February 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you know, your son/ daughter begins the KS4 curriculum later this year and it is now time to make choices about the subjects he/ she would like to study.

We are placing students into some different pathways in order to ensure that every student has access to a broad curriculum but, more importantly, a curriculum appropriate to his/her needs and ability in line with Government guidance. The pathways have been decided with input from heads of English, maths, science, humanities, modern foreign languages and the school's SENDCO. The pathways will be explained to the students in an assembly on Wednesday 22nd February and are explained in the front of each option booklet. They will also have the opportunity to find out more information about the courses on offer from the heads of each subject during this extended assembly. The students will receive their booklets on Wednesday morning and will be asked to bring them home to share with you.

For KS4 science, the science department will inform students the route they currently feel is most appropriate to study. However, there are still many months of study before they officially start Year 10 and it may be necessary to change this dependent on how your son/daughter is progressing in science. We are sharing our initial thoughts about this in case it has an impact on a student's decision about what option subjects they choose. If you have any queries relating to science, Mr Paleschi, the head of science, will be happy to explain the science courses either at the options evening next Thursday, or by phone.

You will be given more information about the subjects on offer at the Options Evening on Thursday 2nd March from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This will be your opportunity to ask the teachers about the different subjects. Mr and Mrs Waugh, who lead on the options process, will also be available to speak to and answer any questions you may have about the options process in general and Mr Paleschi will be available to discuss any science queries.

Meanwhile, if you have any queries about the options process in general, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Waugh, Director of Operations.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Options evening.

Yours sincerely



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