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Dear Year 9 Parents / Carers

KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS

Your child is about to start the options process for Key Stage 4. During Years 7, 8 & 9, all pupils are expected to follow the full range of subjects on offer as part of the National Curriculum. From Year 10 onwards, alongside the subjects of Maths, English, Science, Welsh, Skills, RE and PE, pupils are able to choose three further courses that they are most interested in and would like to study.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on meetings in the school, we are unable to run an Options Evening event as in previous years. However, resources will be available on the school website from **Monday 17th January**. These will include presentations about the different courses, along with an options booklet and an options form for pupils to make their free choices.

This is an important decision in the life of your child and can begin to shape the future direction of their studies and eventual careers. While lots of support will be given to aid your child in making the best decision for them, it is very important that you also spend time with them considering the options available.

The website is accessible at <https://www.cantonian.org/ks4-options/>.

Key dates throughout the spring term are:

- **Monday 17th January**
Options website goes live and free choices open. Pupils will be asked to choose (in order of preference) three potential subjects that they would be interested in studying.
- **Wednesday 9th February**
Deadline for pupils to submit their initial free choice of subjects. After this, option blocks will be produced and given to pupils. Three subjects (one from each option column) must be selected.
- **Wednesday 9th March**
Deadline for pupils to submit their choice of subjects from the option blocks.
- **Thursday 7th April**
Options Parents' Meeting. Parents and pupils meet with form teachers to discuss and agree their final options (depending on restrictions, this may be an online event).

Should you have any queries regarding the options process, please contact Miss Hagon-O'Dare, Head of Year 9, via email at dod@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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