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Dear Year 9 Parents / Carers

KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS

Your child is about to start their options process. 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, alongside the subjects of Maths, English, Science, Welsh, ICT, RE and PE, pupils study the courses that they are most interested in.

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. Therefore, parents and pupils are requested to attend an Options Marketplace event on **Wednesday 25 January at 4pm**. This will be an opportunity for subject teachers to give information about the courses on offer in Year 10 and give you and your child an opportunity to talk to them about what the courses entail.

Other key dates throughout the spring term are:

- **Wednesday 18 January**
Two weeks of assemblies from subjects begin, explaining the various options courses on offer to pupils.
- **Wednesday 25 January**
Options Marketplace event in school from **4pm**.
- **Wednesday 01 February**
Free choice exercise deadline. Pupils will have been asked to choose (in order of preference) three potential subjects that they would be interested in studying.
- **Monday 20 March**
Formal option choices deadline. Pupils will have been given the subjects in option blocks. Three subjects (one from each option column) must be selected.
- **Wednesday 29 March**
Options Parents' Meetings. Parents and pupils to attend the school to discuss and agree with their form tutors the pupils' final options.

It is very important that you spend time with your child considering the options available. Please be assured that there will be plenty of support given to aid your child in making the best decision.

Should you have any queries regarding the options process, please contact us via email at ghd@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk / hje@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you on 25 January.

Yours sincerely

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Heads of Year 9