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Dear Student

## Welcome to Year 9 into 10 Options

We are excited to announce that the Year 9 into 10 Options process will commence on Monday 21 March.

This is an incredibly important time in your academic journey, during which you can reflect on your future ambitions. To do this with real purpose, you should take every opportunity to broaden your understanding of what learning is on offer to you during Years 10 and 11.

### We will be...

- Inviting you to an **Options Assembly**, during **Period 5** on **Monday 21 March**. This will be to explain the process, highlight key dates, and make sure you know where to find the information you need
- Providing you with the '**Options Booklet: A Pathway to Success**'. This will be a valuable guide to the process and individual subjects
- Inviting you and your parents to the **Options Evening** on **Tuesday 22 March**
- Running **taster lessons** of the subjects that are available throughout the week of the **28 March**
- Answering your questions clearly, or directing you to the best person who can support you
- Talking to you honestly about the demands of each of the courses.

### You should...

- Make the most of your taster lessons – it's the best way to make an informed decision
- Ask the questions that are on your mind
- Speak to your form tutor and teachers about whether a course is suited to your ambitions
- Speak to your parents about your experiences and the subjects that you're considering taking forward to Year 10 and 11.

## Options Evening

We are very excited to welcome students and parents to the school for the 2022 Options Evening. During this evening, we will be sharing with you key information about the choices you can make and how to ensure that you pick the best courses for your desired pathway. This information will include:

- A presentation – '**Your Pathway to Success**'
- The options booklet
- Subject specific support – departments will be sharing with you what to expect from the exciting courses on offer in Key Stage 4.

After the event we will provide you with a link to share questions about your options. We will look through these and publish any additional information required to support you in making informed choices. There will also be the opportunity for your parents to speak individually to any staff where further guidance is needed.

### **In summary**

We hope you find next week helpful in starting the options process and providing you with the information you need to make these important decisions. The whole staff are here to support you as you take the next step in your journey towards outstanding achievement.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Read', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mr James Read

Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Assessment