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Dear Parents/Guardians

Virtual Year 9 Options Information – Thursday 13 January 2022

Year 9 students will soon be asked to make decisions about the GCSE subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11. This is an exciting time for Year 9 students, and these are important decisions that will determine each student's curriculum for the next two years.

To maintain our current Covid safety measures, we are moving our options process online via our school website. There will be a dedicated 'Year 9 Options 2022' webpage in the 'Curriculum' section of our website which will go live at 5pm on Thursday 13 January. Mrs Howe, Assistant Headteacher i/c options, will be available during the evening to answer questions via email at: jhowe@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk. To help parents and students have a good understanding of the options available, the following resources will be available online to browse at your leisure:

- A welcome video from Mrs Howe, Assistant Headteacher
- A Year 9 Options Evening PowerPoint presentation
- A Year 9 Options Booklet with details of our full curriculum offer including core and optional courses, as well as guidance about the options process
- The option choice blocks
- Links to subject videos that describe to Year 9 students the courses subject areas offer in Years 10 and 11
- Useful advice from our in-house careers advisor
- A letter sent home to parents and carers about the event
- A video of how to fill in the online form

A link to the online options form will be sent out on Monday 7 February after the parents' evenings have been held so there will be plenty of time for you and your child to make an informed decision. In addition to the information on our website, a range of other support will be provided for students in school including:

- Guidance from tutors
- iLearn lessons explaining the options process
- Information about courses from subject teachers during lessons
- A virtual parents' evening to meet with your child's year 9 subject teachers.

If you have any questions about the options process please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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