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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the Year 9 options process this year. All students in Year 10 and Year 11 follow a timetable that is made up of core subjects, along with some chosen subjects, known as 'options'. Your child will make their subject choices in April this year.

Your involvement in these important decisions is vital and we would encourage you to discuss the options process and choices with your child. To give you more information we would like to invite you to a short options presentation on the evening of **Tuesday 4 March**, at **5.00pm** in the **Main Hall**. We will provide you with a brief overview of our curriculum and an insight into the options process. Members of staff linked to the options subjects will be available to give you further information about the courses.

All students in Year 9 will receive an options booklet at the start of March. There will also be a series of options assemblies where they will find out more about the subjects they can choose. In April, every student will have a meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss suitable option choices, taking into account their academic performance and possible career directions. As a result of this meeting, an options form will be completed to indicate their provisional subject choices. If you would like to be involved in this meeting, either face to face or over the phone, please email <u>pickardr@hebburn.net</u> by **Monday 31 March**.

Our school website also has information about the options process. This can be found in the curriculum heading under 'options'. The presentation from **Tuesday 4 March** will be available here, alongside information from each of the options subjects and an electronic copy of the booklet.

If you have any questions regarding the presentation on **Tuesday 4 March**, or the options process in general, please email <u>pickardr@hebburn.net</u>.

Kind regards,

R Pickard

Rebecca Pickard Assistant Head Teacher