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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Options 2022

Your child in Year 10 is now getting to the stage where they choose their options for GCSE study in Year 11 and 12. While we would normally have held a Parent/Teacher meeting to assist our students and their parents in this process, this will unfortunately not be possible in the current circumstances.

As you will be aware, children in Years 11 and 12 study a number of compulsory subjects – all students take courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Studies and Learning for Life & Work.

In addition, students choose from a range of optional subjects. Most students will be choosing three optional subjects. Students who take the Occupational Studies option in the Northern Regional College on Fridays will be choosing one optional subject in school.

Within the next few days we will be asking students to complete a “Free Choice” sheet, which shows us the three subjects they are most interested in taking as optional choices. We will take this information and use it to build our option blocks in the way which gives as many students as possible all of the options they wish to take. While there will inevitably be clashes between options for some students, we will endeavour to keep these to a minimum.

The enclosed Year 10 Options booklet contains general information for students about to embark on their GCSE courses. In addition, it gives you detailed information on what is studied in each of the subjects, both compulsory and optional. Importantly, it also gives the students guidance on career pathways for all courses.

A written report for Year 10 students will be issued to parents/guardians before the end of March, and this may also be helpful to students and their families in making choices for Year 11 and 12.

As a school, we will do everything possible to give all students and their families good guidance on their GCSE choices, and to assist them in making these choices. If you have any questions or concerns at any stage in this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school and seek further information or guidance, whether on the options process in general, or in relation to specific courses.

Yours faithfully

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