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Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June myself and Mrs Knight will be speaking to Year 8 about their curriculum and options choices which they will take in the Spring term of Year 9. This is simply for our own internal curriculum planning processes, to look at projected classes and staffing numbers needed; whatever they come home to say to you I promise they have not taken their Option choices! Over the past couple of weeks option subject teachers have briefly been giving an outline of the subjects we offer in advance of this, just to give them a little background before they complete a short, initial interest form.

There is absolutely nothing binding to this, for the students, it is simply for our planning purpose. In the Spring term of Year 9 you will have a face to face parents evening and an onsite Options evening, as well as their report to ensure you are fully involved when they make their final choices.

If you do want to speak to your child in advance of next Tuesday, or have a quick browse then all of the Options subjects are on our curriculum page. Each section gives a term by term breakdown, by year group of the subjects on offer. We will be asking students to complete a short form with their 4 initial thoughts of Options but please bear in mind that these subjects are likely to be blocked and not all combinations will be possible.

There is now a much clearer emphasis from the government and Russell Group universities on students who wish to go on to higher education having the Ebacc combination of subjects in their choices – please click on this link for further information:

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We will be discussing this with students but again, we will go over the detail with you, in the Year 9 options process.

Please bear in mind that for some of our SEND students Mrs White will meet with specific parents in Year 9 to discuss our personalised pathway.

[HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/help-your-child-make-the-best-gcse-choices)

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from . their school,  
what GCSE subjects they should take next year. WHAT IS THE EBACC?

[assets.publishing.service.gov.uk](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Pope". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs A Pope  
**Headteacher**