



The Priory School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All students in Year 9 will be selecting their GCSE option subjects next term, which is an incredibly important milestone in their education. So that students make informed and considered choices, we offer a range of opportunities for advice, discussion and reflection. We know that you will want to support them with these important decisions, so we involve parents and carers in much of this process.

On 21st January, I will address Year 9 students in an assembly about the options process and they will be issued with the options booklet, which they will go through in a LIFE lesson and will then bring home.

In the week commencing 25th January we will publish short videos for each option subject and a more general video about the KS4 curriculum on the school website so that you can watch them with your son/daughter. We would normally invite you in to school in early February to deliver this information but, unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions prevent us from doing so. As the virtual replacement will not allow for a live question and answer session, I am inviting parents and carers to put forward questions about specific option subjects via this link so that Heads of Department can address common questions in their videos. If you have any questions about particular subjects, please complete the MS Form via this link no later than Friday 11th December:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X4pRTR73X0uDdSbvXs_1sS-JTdn5WN9Is712WYPZaIJUME9UNVpJMUxCWIFZSktUVDRXT0pJM09EMC4u

Every student will then have a short 1:1 meeting to discuss their thoughts in the fortnight beginning 1st February. Most students will meet with me but some may meet with our SENDCo, Mrs White or another member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Year 9 reports will be issued on Friday 12th February and options forms will be due in by Monday 22nd February.

Discussions about the GCSE curriculum are already taking place in lessons and I would encourage students to be talking to teachers of subjects they are interested in pursuing at GCSE to gain as much information as possible, prior to the formal process beginning next term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Knight,
Deputy Headteacher