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Dear Parent or Carer,

## **COURSE CHOICES FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS DURING KEY STAGE 4**

We are approaching the time when Year 9 students make their subject choices for further study up to the end of Key Stage 4. This is an important stage in your child's education and over the next few months we will provide you with the information needed to support you and your child in making these decisions.

At Claverham Community College, all Key Stage 4 students are offered a broad and balanced curriculum consisting of a wide range of subjects. Some of these subjects are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. The compulsory subjects are English (Literature and Language), Mathematics and Science. In addition to these examined compulsory subjects, everyone will continue to study PSHE, Careers, Worldviews and Core PE; these subjects are not examined. In all other subjects, including vocational courses, students can choose what they would like to continue to study, within a personalised curriculum. Students will receive further detailed information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions.

This year due to the current unprecedented situation the whole of our options process will be delivered online. It is therefore more important than ever that parents and carers support their child through this process. As such, we would like to invite you to look at our "Claverham Options Information Website". Materials will be published on the website for students, parents and carers to use from 5:00 p.m. on Monday 1st February 2021.

The information contained in this section of our website will give students, parents and carers the opportunity to watch a video explaining the curriculum choices and the options process. There will also be a series of short video presentations for each subject taught at Key Stage 4. In addition, you will be able to access other option related documents, which will help students when choosing their Key Stage 4 subjects. Students will be able to discuss options with their Form Tutors from Tuesday 2nd February.

Individual options forms will be issued online to students and parents or carers at the start of the options process. These forms will detail the choices which are available to your child. We will also include an overview of how they have performed in a range of subject areas during their time at Claverham. The Year 9 Profile report will also be issued to parents in the normal way via EduLink One on Monday 1st February 2021. This will provide both current performance data and a more detailed written report from your child's teachers. Please can we ask that when you are discussing options with your son or daughter you look at this information.

A Year 9 Parent Consultation meeting with subject staff will take place on Friday 12th February 2021. This will be a live video conferencing event. The purpose of the event is to provide you with an opportunity to speak to teachers in the subjects that your son or

daughter is thinking about choosing. As such you will be able to find out more detail about a subject at Key Stage 4 and therefore it should also help students to make the most appropriate option choices. Further details about the booking process will be sent to parents or carers shortly.

The deadline for completing the online option form will be 5.00 p.m. on Monday 1st March 2021.

Decisions regarding the number of classes to be timetabled in each subject will be made promptly after the deadline, any students who submit their option form late may find that their choices are restricted. Finally, the College will do its best to satisfy every choice and as many combinations of subjects as possible, but it must be understood that courses can only be run if enough students opt for them. Inevitably there may be some combinations of subjects which cannot be accommodated. Should this occur in your child's case, you will be informed and given the opportunity to further discuss an alternative subject selection. However, where agreement cannot be reached, please be aware that the Principal's decision is final.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mr. T. Smith  
Deputy Principal