



Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Year 9 Options**

Year 9 students are at the start of the process of selecting their GCSE and BTEC options for Year 10. This is the most important stage in your child's education so far and we understand it can be an anxious time. Making the right decisions and choices is of vital importance.

You will have received a letter via email with the appropriate pathway booklet to guide you and your child through the subjects and courses available and to help you make an informed choice regarding the optional subjects your child may wish to study.

Ordinarily we would have an options evening to support this process, however given the current situation this is unable to happen. That will not stop the process happening though and we have a detailed and considered plan in place to ensure that the options process will go ahead.

We will be providing you with lots of ways of accessing information to inform you and your child's decisions. You already have your child's recent ROA report and the booklet to get you started. We have set up a Year 9 Options webpage that can be accessed through the school's website as well as a google classroom for your child's pathway. Here you will find videos from subject leaders about those subjects which may be chosen – this will be particularly important for subjects that your child may not have studied before. We are setting up a dedicated Helpdesk email where both your child and you can ask questions and seek advice. And finally, by 13<sup>th</sup> May we ask that your child submit their option choices through a google form on their google classroom and you confirm your consent to their choices through this link:

<https://forms.gle/793rhKHYGdZbtzk27>

If you have any questions or queries that are not answered in either this letter or this booklet, please don't hesitate to contact me at [year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

Feona Copley  
**Assistant Principal**



### **Year 9 Options Timeline**

20 <sup>th</sup> April	Letters and Pathway booklets emailed to parents/carers and students.
24 <sup>th</sup> April	All letters, booklets and videos available via school website and student google classrooms.
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Confirmation from parents/carers of receipt of email.
20 <sup>th</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Opportunities for discussion between school and parents/carers/students if there are any concerns using <a href="mailto:year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk">year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk</a> in the first instance.
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Option Choices google form completed by student (located on google classroom).
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Option Choices Consent google form completed by parent/carer (link in this letter).
After 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Contact made to parents/students if any option choices need to be further discussed.
By end of term	Letter emailed to parents confirming final option outcomes.