



11th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 9 Options 2021

Now we have welcomed Year 9 students back to the Academies, we will be launching the Option Process with them in this half-term. This process will involve students selecting their GCSE and Vocational 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.

We would like to invite you to a live TEAMS event on Wednesday 17th March at 6pm as the first stage in this process. This will be an opportunity for us to outline the process for you, share all the information you will have access to and give you an opportunity to ask us any questions you may have. You can join the live event on 17th March by clicking the link below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDEwYWU0MmUtNzVmYy00ZTc4LTNmMDU0YjM1NmE4MDg3NTJj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%228027efc9-ede2-4ebb-93f5-7e8198438f21%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2273bd00e8-094d-4c04-8549-9446c9ef5b4f%22%2c%22isBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

During the morning of Wednesday 17th March, your child will also have an assembly outlining the process for choosing their options and what they need to do. They will also be given a 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.

We will be providing you with lots of ways of accessing information to assist you and your child in making these important decisions. Alongside the live event information, and the booklets given to your child, there will also be a dedicated webpage for Year 9 options which can be accessed through the Academies' websites. 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 also setting up a dedicated Helpdesk email where both you and your child can ask questions and seek advice. Your child can also directly ask their subject teacher any questions they may have.

In order to further support you and your child, we are also offering a limited number of appointments with Heads of Departments for relevant option subjects if you wish to talk to a subject specialist.

This event will be held on Wednesday 24th March and you will need to email:-

year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk to request an appointment. We will give you more information regarding this at the live event on 17th March.

The deadline for your child to submit their option choices will be Wednesday 31st March. They will need to complete the form in their Options Pathway booklet, and you will need to check and sign this also. This will then need to be returned to their tutor by the deadline.



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If you have any questions or queries that are not answered in either this letter or at the live event please don't hesitate to contact me at year9options@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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