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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options

We are now at a very exciting milestone in the school life of year 9 students as they embark on the process of selecting their optional subject choices for years 10 and 11.

Students will be involved in several activities that will help support their decision to select the right choices for them. These activities consist of taster sessions during tutor time, one-to-one interviews, a tailored tutor programme that provides information and career-focused lessons in Life Skills.

To support this process, I would like to invite you to attend our online Options Evening on Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 5:00 pm. We will deliver a 20-minute presentation on the options process which will provide you with the information needed to support your child to make an informed decision and choose the best options for the coming years.

To join this meeting, please click on the link [here](#) at 5:00 pm on 22 January 2025.

Following this presentation, there will be videos for each option choice available to watch via the academy website from Wednesday 22 January 2025. The videos will include information about the topics covered in years 10 and 11, how the subject is assessed and which career pathways are supported by the subject. This will be further supplemented by an electronic options booklet containing additional information about the subjects and the options process.

After watching the videos, I strongly encourage students to ask their teachers any questions they may have about studying their subject at Key Stage 4.

Students will complete their initial options choices the week commencing 3 February 2025. These will then be reviewed following taster sessions and final options released to students and parents/carers during half term 5.

If you have any questions, please email b.walker@stwacademy.com.

Yours sincerely

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