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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 9 Options**

Your child will shortly be making their options choices. This is a very exciting time for them where they get to choose to experience totally new subjects or continue with those they are currently taught and have a real interest in. The decision-making process is an important one where parental involvement is key, therefore we invite you and your child to attend the Options Evening on Tuesday 28 February at 6pm.

At the Options Evening there will be a talk by myself outlining how the process works and all of the choices on offer. Students will also be given a copy of the Options Book which contains detailed information about each of the courses, sources of information about post 16 options, as well as the options form for eventual completion. There will also be an opportunity to talk to Mrs Reynolds our PSCE and Careers Lead about future career choices and answer any questions that you may have.

We are offering many opportunities through our Positive Futures Programme both in tutor time and in lessons for Year 9 in the build up to the Options Evening. We take pride in getting involved with Careers Week and have a lot on offer in relation to new industries and online support for different careers. During National Careers Week, Year 9 students will participate in a whole day of special activities on Wednesday 8 March which will include:

- Workshops with employers
- Exploring online career services
- Meeting GCSE option students to discuss courses

The Year 9 parents'/carers' evening is on Wednesday 8 March from 4pm. Please prioritise appointment bookings on the basis of the discussion of options choices.

If you have any questions about the options process before the event, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Scott Yalden**  
**Headteacher**