



4th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Hylands during the difficult GCSE process and your help will ensure a smooth transition into GCSE.

At Hylands School we provide our students with the best possible subject choices, combined with the best possible guidance, to allow all students to be successful and positive in their learning at Key Stage 4. Students will be given help and advice throughout the options process in order to support them. This will include the following –

- An in-depth options assembly by their Head of Year, thought-provoking and discussion-based tutor time activities in Character and Culture and access to subject-specific teachers.
- An **Options Week** will run from **Monday 7th March - Friday 11th March**. All year 9 students will receive taster sessions of GCSE options.
- An **Options Evening** for current year 9 students will be held on **Thursday 10th March**. The Headteacher, Mr Parry, and Head of Year, Mrs. Field will host the evening and provide you with a detailed rundown of the options procedure.
- All resources including the **GCSE Options Booklet** will be available via the school website allowing you to help your child choose the best options for their future.

Throughout KS4 your son/daughter will also study a core set of subjects (Mathematics, English, Triple Science, Physical Education and Character & Culture). Students will also have lessons in Financial Capabilities or Study Support depending on which option the school judges to be the most appropriate. Pupils will sit examinations in their GCSE subjects at the end of year 11.

You can complete your child's GCSE Option form via a Google Form link that will be emailed home at the end of the Options Week, **Friday 11th March**. You will be asked to select either Geography, History, French or Spanish as a compulsory subject and two further option subjects for their progression into Year 10 & 11. We endeavour to grant all of our students their first and second choice options, in the unlikely event that we are unable to, we ask students to pick 2 reserve choices.

There is no rush to complete the form, classes are **not** filled on a first come first serve basis. Please submit this form by **Friday 25th March**.

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Throughout this decision-making period, please feel free to approach any member of staff for advice. Your child's tutor will be able to direct you to subject-specific teachers. If you feel that you would like to discuss the options process in more detail for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me or the relevant subject staff.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Field
Head of Year 9

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