

Our Ref: NAD/HBR

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Re: Year 9 Options – Indicative Choices

As a school we are keen to see which GCSE options our Year 9 pupils are likely to pick in anticipation of asking pupils in Year 9 to make their official option choices. We are asking pupils in Year 9 to make an indicative set of choices, which are not binding, so we can begin to plan our staffing model for the 2022 to 2023 academic year. In terms of recruiting staff we are always keen to act swiftly and early, as opposed to leaving things until later in the year. These indicative choices will help the school with this level of planning and we appreciate your son/daughter's support and co-operation with this process. The following details a series of key dates for your reference:

- **Monday 22nd December 2021** – Pupils are asked to complete the following Microsoft Form to provide an indication as to what they would like to study. This information is only provisional and will be used to consider staffing of subjects and to block the subjects. This should be completed by **Friday 26th November** at the latest.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8MMbyXRf5e>

- **Tuesday 1st March 2022** – Information regarding the subjects on offer will be live on the website, including an introductory video explaining the process. These videos include the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Spanish, as well as the optional subjects which your son/daughter can select from. The purpose of these is to provide you with details on the course and topics that will be taught, as well as example assessment structures and careers information.
- **Thursday 3rd March 2022**– The Year 9 Parent's Consultation Evening will take place virtually.
- **Friday 18th March 2022** – Pupils will select their options choices via our online portal Applica. You will receive login details for this system in advance and will be asked to recheck the data held on the system for your child i.e. addresses/contacts, as well as selecting first choice and reserve subjects.
- **Friday 16th April 2022** – Your son/daughter's subject choices will be confirmed to you, at which point waiting lists will open for oversubscribed subjects.

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All queries regarding the options process should be directed to nadams@thedustonschool.org in the first instance.

We value the ongoing partnership with parents and guardians in order to ensure that all pupils can achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully,



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