

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 9 Options Process and Parents' Evening**

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming events for all Year 9 pupils over the next month.

The options process, which will culminate in KS4 subject choices being made by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, begins in earnest this week when all pupils will be issued with an electronic copy of the 'Which Way Now?' booklet. This document will be shared with pupils via Google Classroom and provides a range of activities designed to stimulate thinking with regard to progression routes to college or employment and the relevant subject entry requirements. Pupils will also be given access to careers software 'Fast Tomato' which provides tailored advice on the skills and qualifications required for different careers across a range of sectors.

From **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** pupils, parents and carers will be able to access a bespoke options page on the parents' section of our website. This page will provide links to subject-specific presentations and to the Options Booklet which contains essential course information that should be considered before pupils make their choices. The options process will also be explained in detail and we will provide guidance on how pupils should complete the paperwork that we require by the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that the options forms will not be available until **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.

Also throughout next week, our careers advisor, Ms Amdurer, will be offering options guidance support. Should you wish to take advantage of this, please email [v.amdurer@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:v.amdurer@hydehighschool.uk) or call Reception and leave your details and Ms Amdurer will contact you by phone. Individual support will still be available after submission of the options form and can be accessed via the same e-mail address.

### **Parents' Evening**

To support your child in choosing their Key Stage 4 courses, information from class teachers is really important. Due to the national lockdown, we are going to run year 9 Parents' Evening remotely this year using our existing parents' evening booking system which you may have used in the past. We will be offering afternoon and evening appointments on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. In the afternoon, appointments will be available between 12.30pm and 2pm and in the evening between 4pm and 6pm. I will be writing again after half term with information on how to book appointments and on alternative ways we can support you and your child should you be unable to attend or access parents' evening.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Thompson

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