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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

As you are aware, your child will be starting their Key Stage 4 GCSE courses in September 2018. Directly after Christmas we will begin the options process with your child. Unlike previous years, there will be no subjects blocked against each other and so students will have a free choice of six subjects in order of preference. These will then be reduced to four final choices based on the feasibility of groupings. It is hoped that this will enable students to study the subjects they genuinely want to, rather than from a limited combination of option blocks.

There are a number of important events relating to this process below which are designed to give yourself and your child as much information, support and guidance in making the most appropriate choices for their future. The dates and events are as follows:

Friday 5 January 2018

Year 9 Assembly: Options booklets issued to Year 9 students

Tuesday 9 January 2018

Year 9 Parents Options Information Evening: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

(Please note that this is a different date to the one published on the year calendar last Summer)

- 6.00pm-6.20pm: **Presentation to Dove/Kinder** about Curriculum and Options. (The Hive)
- 6.30pm-6.50pm: **Presentation to Monsal/Riber** about Curriculum and Options. (The Hive)
- 6.00pm-7.30pm: **Subject displays and information** about Key Stage 4 courses. (Gym)

Thursday 1 February 2018

Year 9 Parents Evening:

An opportunity to discuss the suitability of options choices with subject teachers.

Friday 2 – Monday 12 February 2018

Options Application Forms returned via form tutors who will check them before passing them on to Miss Scattergood.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Information evening where I will be presenting to parents and where you will be able to discuss subject related questions with relevant subject staff.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

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