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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Core Subjects

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Options process that your child is soon to embark on. This is a very important process in which students will have the opportunity to make informed decisions about the subjects they will study during Key Stage 4. We want to ensure that families have all the information and access to specialist advice and guidance to help them support their child in making the right decision for them and their future.

The week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February students will be guided through the details of the Options process and provided with our Options booklet which they will be bringing home at the end of the week.

On the evening of **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be hosting an Options Evening where students and parents will have the chance to learn more about the different subjects on offer and the options available to them. There will be a short presentation at 6pm and 6.30pm, as well as information from subject departments, where you can speak to the subject teachers and ask any questions you may have. With a variety of options available, students will have the opportunity to study both traditionally academic and vocational elements, allowing them to have the greatest range of subjects to study.

It is important that all Year 9 students and their parents or carers attend this evening, as the choices made at this stage will have a significant impact on the opportunities available to the student in the future. Students will have the opportunity of 3 choices in addition to the core options offered to all students. These are detailed below so that you can arrive at the evening having had the opportunity to discuss this process with your child. Combinations of subjects and how the selection process will run will be explained on the evening.

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature
GCSE Mathematics & GCSE Statistics
GCSE Combined Science
Physical Education
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE French
GCSE Single Sciences
GCSE Art
BTEC Art & Design
CNAT Child Development
CNAT Creative iMedia or ICT
BTEC Drama or Dance

CNAT Enterprise & Marketing
GCSE French
GCSE Geography
CNAT Health & Social Care
GCSE History
WJEC Hospitality & Catering
BTEC Music
CNAT Sport Science

We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to research the options available and consider the students' strengths, interests, and career aspirations when making their subject selections.

We understand that choosing options can be a daunting task, but we are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to complete our Options survey using the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEL4pl8tlu2NNm3gq4mtM7eVUMERUOU84NTdOUVJJVEJITldVVFJFN0RMSy4u

Or by using the following QR code:



Once you and your child have decided what they would like to study next year, they will need to complete an online form which I will distribute following the Options evening on Thursday 29th February.

We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and supporting you in this important decisionmaking process.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Craig

**Deputy Principal**