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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to give you some important information about the Year 9 options process. This is a very exciting time as this is the first time in your child's education that they can have some choice about what they study.

There are three important dates for your diaries. Firstly, there is **the Year 9 Options Evening which will be on Thursday 26th February at 6pm**. This event is for all Year 9 students, parents and carers. The evening will give you an opportunity to understand the range of qualifications available for your child and help you to become familiar with how our options system operates. Senior staff and subject teachers will also be available for you to consult about requirements of the Key Stage 4 courses.

On Thursday 12th March we have Year 9 Parents' and Carers' Evening. This is not specifically about options, but it will be an opportunity to speak in person with subject teachers about your child's suitability to opt for a subject in Year 10. Could I ask that you prioritise booking appointments with the teacher of the options subject your child is considering – this means that if you are not considering a subject, the teacher will have more availability for those that are.

The deadline for submitting the choices will be Monday 13th April. In the weeks that follow we will be working to organise the options groups in such a way to enable as many students as possible to get their first choices as possible. Final options choices will not be confirmed until the summer term.

I look forward to seeing you at Options Evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Halls
Deputy Headteacher