

Dear Parents/Carers,

Before Christmas, I received a small number of queries about the Year 9 Options process, and thought it would be useful to update you on current plans. Under normal circumstances, the process would have begun on January 27th with my assembly to the year group, and close on March 10th with pupils handing in their final copy of the choices form. Pupils make three option choices and a reserves subject choice (just in case a course doesn't run, or there is a timetabling clash) to sit alongside the core curriculum, ready for the start of Year 10.

As this is a wholly in-school process, and requires input from a range of colleagues, we have decided to put the whole process on hold until pupils physically return to school, which we are expecting to be after the February half term. This means a delay of about a month, which will be manageable. However, if the return to school doesn't happen as planned, then our home and school partnership will have to work closely together in the virtual world to support Year 9 pupils as they make their choices.

I will update you further as new information becomes available during the term. For now, I would ask all Year 9 pupils to focus on their remote learning and not to worry about option choices.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Parker

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