



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a very important time of the year for you, your child and all pupils in Year 9 as we are concentrating on subject options. The outcome of this will be that our pupils will choose which subjects they will study over the next two years in Years 10 and 11.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our pupils in Year 9. The vast majority of them are showing real determination during this challenging time of remote learning. Our school offers a broad and balanced curriculum and subjects complement each other well. Skills acquired in the various subjects will support the learning of the ones they will choose for their GCSEs. Therefore, I cannot stress enough how important it is to continue to attend all lessons for all subjects for the remainder of the year.

Clearly, it is essential that each pupil makes the best possible choice for them, and to help with this the school has set up a programme to ensure that choices are based upon the best possible information. A tutorial programme is already underway which is aimed at helping each pupil with general advice on how to make independent choices.

On **Thursday 25th February**, our Year 9 pupils will be off timetable for periods 3 to 6. This will give them the opportunity to watch the various presentations on the options available. On their Google Classroom 'Year 9 Options' they will find information about courses. The presentations will emphasise not only the positive aspects of the subjects but the responsibilities and expectations of the pupils. We expect our pupils to watch all presentations to make sure they will be able to make well-informed choices. Every pupil will also fill in a Google form called 'My Options Thinking Sheet' to show that they have received and thought about all the information provided before they make their final decisions.

On the same day (**Thursday 25th February**), the presentations will be available on our website, as well as a note from Mr Wood and the Options booklet.

On **Thursday 4th March**, we will hold a virtual Consultation Evening at which parents/carers will be able to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers. This meeting will run between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. You will receive further details on this virtual evening soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr S Venz
Assistant Headteacher

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