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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Year 9 Options Evening Update**

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. As Christmas draws closer, I want to express my delight at the attitude and effort demonstrated by Year 9 pupils in the run up to the holidays. I am writing to you to update you about the upcoming milestone of Year 9 students selecting their Options subject choices for Year 10 and 11.

We have unfortunately taken the decision to cancel the Year 9 Options Evening that was scheduled to take place on **Thursday 6 January 2022** due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Despite this, it is fundamental that Year 9 students can access key information about every subject which is available to study in Year 10 and 11.

In place of the Year 9 Options Evening, videos about each option choice will be available to watch through the school website and Learning Platform from **Thursday 13 January 2022**. The videos will include information about the topics covered in Year 10 and 11, how the subject is assessed and what career pathways are supported by the subject.

After watching the videos, I strongly encourage students to ask their teachers any questions they may have about studying their subject at Key Stage 4. In addition, please find a link below to the Options booklet which explains in detail the KS4 curriculum, the option process and an insight of each subject. A hard copy of the Options booklet will be available in the Academy for students to read and take home.

### **[Wath Academy - Y9 Options](#)**

In addition to the subject videos, Year 9 students have already begun accessing information advice and guidance content in their Life Skills lesson that will further support them in making an informed decision.

I would like to remind you that students will complete their choices week commencing **14 February 2022** and these will be confirmed in the week commencing **21 March 2022**.

I would like to thank you very much for your understanding and continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [sdavies@wathacademy.com](mailto:sdavies@wathacademy.com) if you have any further questions. I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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