



THE WELLS ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you as your child is currently in year 9 and they are about to undertake their options for study at key stage 4.

The options process signifies a very important stage of every student's journey through school. It is a fundamental step towards each young person's future and is an important opportunity for them to be able to help shape that future. In the coming weeks your child will receive a range of information about the potential options they can pursue into key stage 4. It is hugely important that each student makes informed decisions about the subjects they will pursue. As such we ask you to encourage your child to take time during this process to reflect on their learning to date and consider their personal ambitions moving forward. Students should ultimately consider a number of factors when making decisions about their future, including the subjects they perform well in, the subjects they get enjoyment from and the subjects that will allow them to fulfil their ambitions in the future.

Key dates:

23/03/2021- Option process starts- options booklets out.

23/03 to 01/04/2021- Options assemblies start.

28/04/2021- Year 9 reports out

29/04/2021- Year 9 options evening*.

07/05/2021- Options deadline- all forms completed.

28/05/2021- Students made aware of their final options choices

**Subject to change due to covid-19*

Options Process:

As part of the options process your child will receive an options booklet, a number of options assemblies, a report on their current performance and a remote options evening. Your child should also spend time talking to their teachers and people at home during this process to help develop a full understanding of their preferred option choices.

Students will have the choice of 9 option subjects to choose from. Students will rank these in order of their favourite to their least favourite and will receive 3 options from their list based on their preferences. Whilst it is very difficult to give all students their top 3 options, we will try to ensure students get their preferred choices where it is possible. When marking their preferences students should be aware that every student at Wells will receive at least one of either French, Geography or History as part of the options process.

Once students have made their choices, they should fill in their options form according to their preferences using the student options form selection sheet handed out by their tutor. A copy of this is also available at the back of the options book.

Mandatory Subjects:

Year 10 students at The Wells Academy will study the following subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science
- Core PE
- Statistics

Option Subjects:

Year 10 students will study 3 of the following subjects at The Wells Academy, with at least one of French, History or Geography.

- Art and Design
- Dance
- Enterprise
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Hospitality and Catering
- Sport

We thank you in advance for your support in this hugely important part of your child's journey at The Wells Academy.

If you have any questions regards options please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tideswell (head of Year 9) on HTideswell@TheWellsAcademy.org or PDavies@TheWellsAcademy.org.

Yours sincerely



Mr Shepherd
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