22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Year 9 GCSE Options**

Your child will start their GCSE course in 2021. They now have the opportunity to choose the GCSE options subjects they will be studying next year. We endeavour to ensure all students study their chosen subjects but this cannot be guaranteed.

**Events / how to access presentations**

There will be **three live virtual presentations** over the coming weeks:

1. **Thursday 28th January at 3pm –** Options assembly with Mrs Conefrey and Mrs Kenny on Microsoft Teams
2. **Thursday 28th January at 5pm –** Options presentation for parents from Mrs Conefrey and Mrs Kenny on Microsoft Teams
3. **Tuesday 9th February at 3pm –** Careers Connect assembly delivered by Mrs Kenny on Microsoft Teams

The live virtual presentations will take place on Microsoft Teams. **To access these your child will need to log into Microsoft Teams and click on the KHS Year 9 Team.**

**Next steps**

The Year 9 options information booklet and options form will be available on the school website and on Microsoft Teams from Thursday 28th January 2021, as well as the hard copy enclosed.

On **Thursday 28th January 2021 at 5pm**, in place of the parents’ information evening we originally planned for, there will be a live virtual presentation for all parents/carers of Year 9 students. Access will be via Microsoft Teams in the same way students access the presentations above.

During week commencing 1st February 2021 you will receive a call from your child’s form tutor. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in lessons as well as discussing your child’s options should you wish to.

Finally, all Year 9 students are given the opportunity to have an options meeting via Microsoft Teams with myself or Mrs Turner, in order to seek personal 1:1 guidance on their options choices. Parents/carers are welcome to attend this meeting, should they choose to.

Information on how to submit your child’s options choices will follow.

The deadline to complete the options form with your child’s **three chosen options** is **Friday 19th March.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the options process.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A Kenny

Assistant Headteacher