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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Options

Student:

Recommended Curriculum Pathway:

Attached to this letter, you will find a copy of the options booklet for year 9 students. It contains a great deal of important information about the options process as well as an outline of each of the subjects on offer. **It should be noted that all of the information about different subjects was correct at the time of printing, but this is always subject to change.**

So far, the decisions regarding which courses students will study and how they will be assessed at the end of these have largely been made for them. At Primary School, and during their first two years at Pittville, students have been required to follow the National Curriculum. As they moved into year 9, students have been able to make some choices regarding a small number of their subjects. Now as they approach Key Stage 4 – the National Curriculum still applies and some subjects remain compulsory, however there is now, for the first time, a greater element of choice.

The choices that are made now, will influence the students' academic and career opportunities in the future. Therefore, making considered, appropriate and individual decisions is vital. Students' choice of courses needs to be balanced and reflect their ability and aptitude, alongside their interests and passions.

A range of opportunities for support and guidance will be made available through the options process. I would urge you to read this booklet very carefully with your child before any decisions are made. The content and assessment requirements for each course offered at Key Stage 4 is outlined here, together with important information about the pathways structure.

There will also be an opportunity to listen to Curriculum Leaders as they outline the content and requirements of each course on their pre-recorded subject presentations. Over the next week, you will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the curriculum leaders in the schedule of live question and answer sessions. The times and dates of these sessions have already been made available to you, a further copy of the timetable can be found at the bottom of this letter. In addition, over the next three weeks students will be able to consult with and receive guidance from their tutors, Heads of House, subject teacher and curriculum leaders.



All courses are for two years. There must be a commitment and dedication to study from every student if they are to achieve to the best of their ability and establish a strong foundation from which to build upon in post 16 study.

Should you require any additional information to support your child in making their decision – please do not hesitate to ask. We are all available and determined to help students make the correct choices that will see them have the most enjoyable, purposeful and successful next two years of their school career here at Pittville School.

The final date for all forms to be completed and handed in, is MONDAY 31st JANUARY

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Pitt
Assistant Head

Please find below the schedule for the live question and answer sessions that will be held by curriculum leaders in each of the option subjects. Remember that all students on pathway 1 & 2 MUST choose at least one EBACC subject (History, Geography, French or Spanish). The live question and answer session for all EBACC subjects will be on Friday 14th January starting at 5pm.

Subject	Remote Q&A: Date	Remote Q&A: Time	Meeting Link
GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition	Tuesday 11 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
GCSE Design Technology		5.30pm	GCSE Design Technology
GCSE Art		6.00pm	GCSE Art
GCSE Textiles		6.30pm	GCSE Textiles
GCSE Music	Wednesday 12 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Music
GCSE PE/BTEC Sport		5.30pm	GCSE PE
GCSE Dance		6.00pm	GCSE Dance
GCSE Film Studies	Thursday 13 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Film Studies
GCSE Religious Education		5.30pm	GCSE Religious Education
GCSE Business Studies		6.00pm	GCSE Business Studies
GCSE Drama		6.30pm	GCSE Drama
GCSE History	Friday 14 th January	5.00pm	GCSE History
GCSE Geography		5.30pm	GCSE Geography
GCSE Modern Foreign Languages (French & Spanish)		6.00pm	GCSE Modern Foreign Languages
Vocational award ICT	Monday 17 th January	5.30pm	Vocational Award ICT
BTEC Health and Social Care		6.00pm	BTEC Health and Social Care