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Dear parent/carer,

## **YEAR 8 INTO 9 OPTIONS**

In previous years we have run a programme of options for Year 8 as they move into Year 9. Last year this was a mini-options programme where students could have a taster of some of the subjects they may want to take eventually in Year 10 rather than full options. However, this was prior to the pandemic and the lockdowns, which have had an impact on the national curriculum subjects and their content and delivery.

In light of the unprecedented events, we have taken the decision to focus on the national curriculum subjects in Year 9 and to build on the learning already in place. We will still be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to all students in Year 9 from September 2021, which is a highly recognised award made up of 4 areas; volunteering, physical, skills and expedition. We will send more details in due course.

I know that some of you and your son or daughter may be disappointed, but such situations as the one we have been in for almost a year mean that we have had to make difficult decisions. Asking students to 'drop' certain subjects after 2 terms of lockdowns would be difficult.

Thank you for your understanding and apologies for the lateness of this information.

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