

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

This is a very important term for our Year 9 students. Next month (February) they begin the process of selecting their Key Stage 4 options. They will need to think carefully about the choices they make, so that these are the 'right' choices, and together we can support your child to do this.

Below are the key dates for this year's options process:

- **Thursday 9th February** – The second Y9 Data collection will be emailed to parents via 'in touch' and uploaded to the SIMS Parents App and Student App.
- **Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> February** – There will be a special assembly for students, dedicated to the options process.
- **Wednesday 22nd February** – The Y9 options information will be released. This will be placed on the college website and a link emailed to families via Parentmail. This will include a pathway booklet for your child, the options form to complete and return, and subject specific videos for you to watch together. We will also be setting up a dedicated email address - [options@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:options@horizoncc.co.uk) where both you and your child can ask questions and seek advice. This will open on the same date.
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – This will be the date of the annual Y9 Parents Evening, online on SchoolCloud, which will provide an opportunity for you and your child to discuss potential option choices with their current teachers.
- **Monday 20th March** – This will be the deadline for submitting the options form. We will confirm we have received this.

Students will have their final option choices confirmed in the summer term, with a letter emailed to parents.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping your child choose their options for Key Stage 4 study.

Kind regards

*Miss Collins*

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