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Year 9 Options Process Information and Timeline

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware the options process will start in the New Year. This will run from January with tutor activities, visiting speakers in assemblies, a taster day, an options evening and interviews, which finish in March with final selection of subject choices for Year 10 and Year 11. A timeline of how the process will work is included in this letter.

As part of this process and to give your child the opportunity to try a new language before opting for it, the Modern Foreign Languages Department are changing the way lessons are delivered from January. One lesson in the week will be their regular French lesson, to allow continued progress with French, and the other lesson in the week will be a Spanish lesson. Spanish is a new language that is offered in Year 10. This change will allow the opportunity to see if the new language is appropriate before opting for it formally.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to the events that will commence in the new term.

Yours faithfully

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10th January	Careers awareness assembly with Job Centre Plus.
8th January - 9th February	Learner consultation through tutor time and personal careers interviews where appropriate.
17th January	Year 9 options day. An opportunity to visit other providers and experience either a vocational or A-Level taster. Visiting speakers to the school include, Careers Inc. and Sheffield Hallam University.
29th January - 2nd February	Official Year 9 assessment week to gauge progress.
27th February	Year 9 data and options booklet issued to families.
28th February	Year 9 assembly outlining the options process to learners.
6th March	Options evening. An opportunity to speak and ask questions with department leaders about courses on offer. Visiting speakers include, Barnsley College, Shelley College and Careers Inc.
7th March - 21st March	Options interviews with all Year 9 learners. At this point learners will make their provisional choices.
22nd & 23rd March	Follow up of any missed interviews to make final choices.
19th April	Confirmation of provisional choices shared with families.
23rd April - 27th April	Consultation with learners, parents and carers should any issues arise.
20th June	Confirmation of final choices.

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