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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Year 9 Options

Happy New Year. I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Firstly, I would like to communicate how proud we are of the way all our learners have returned to the academy this January. This is an exciting time, especially for our Year 9 learners, who will be beginning the process of selecting their GCSE options over the coming months.

Due to the current restrictions and government guidance in place, we are having to amend our original plans for the options process slightly in that some of the events that we had originally planned to conduct in-school are being moved to a virtual setting.

Please rest assured that we are working extremely hard to ensure that all our Year 9 learners receive the best virtual experience so that they can make informed decisions and 'Dream big' for the future.

Please see below the details of two important launch events. Your attendance to the evening event and your ongoing support as part of this process is essential:

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January (08:40):** All Year 9 learners will participate in an Options Launch Assembly. The assembly will set the scene for learners, detailing what the options process means for them and encouraging them to think about their preferred subjects. An overview of the subjects on offer will be provided as part of the assembly.
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January (18:00):** Parents/carers and all Year 9 learners will be invited to attend a virtual options event that will aim to provide additional information about the options process, the key dates and milestones as part of the options process and useful resources that you and your child will need to make the right options decisions for their journey into Key Stage 4.

Please see here the link to join the Teams session. <https://tinyurl.com/2p8hrre9> Please note that you will need to join this meeting using your child's Microsoft account (via RM Unify). We recommend checking that you can access this account prior to the event - if you cannot access Teams, please contact [helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk) and our IT Technician will be happy to help.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you virtually on the evening launch event on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January**.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

**Ms N Lord**  
**Vice Principal – Raising Standards**



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