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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 Options: One-to-One Meetings with SLT

Hope you are well and have enjoyed a nice break over the last week.

Thank you for your support with the Year 9 options process to date. We are writing to give you more information regarding the one-to-one options meetings which will be taking place on the week commencing 7th March.

These meetings will be face-to-face and will take place in school, in E4, on Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March between 4pm and 6.30pm. It is during this meeting that your child, alongside a member of our SLT team, will select their options choices, moving forward into Key Stage 4.

In preparation for your one-to-one meeting, please ensure that you have discussed and selected the options that your child would like to take. A reminder that they will need to select a first and second choice in each of the blocks, A, B and C.

Please see below the options blocks for this academic year. These blocks have been informed by the questionnaires that were completed by year 9 learners prior to the half term break.

Block A				Block B				Block C			
		1st	2nd			1st	2nd			1st	2nd
GCSE	History			GCSE	History			GCSE	French		
GCSE	Geography			GCSE	Geography			GCSE	Spanish		
GCSE	Computer Science			GCSE	Separate Science			GCSE	German		
GCSE	Business Studies			GCSE	Business Studies			GCSE	Geography		
GCSE	Music			GCSE	Art and Design: Fine Art			GCSE	History		
GCSE	Religious Studies			GCSE	Art and Design: Textiles			GCSE	Computer Science		
GCSE	Art and Design: Fine Art			GCSE	Art and Design: 3D Design			GCSE	Drama		
TECH	Hospitality and Catering			GCSE	Design Technology			GCSE	Design Technology		
TECH	Health and Social Care			TECH	Hospitality and Catering			TECH	Creative iMedia		
TECH	Child Development			TECH	Sport Studies			TECH	BTEC IT		
TECH	Dance			TECH	Engineering			TECH	Engineering		
TECH	Sports Studies							TECH	Health and Social Care		
								TECH	Child Development		

To ensure your child's choices are well informed, we have given them a hard copy of our Options booklet for this academic year. This is the same resource that is available online via our school website.

To book your one-to-one meeting you will need to access the 'School Cloud Parent's Evening' system. The link below will take you directly to this booking system. Once logged on, you will be able to see which member of SLT that you have been allocated alongside the available appointment slots. Please select the appointment that is most suitable for you and your child. Meetings will last a total of 10 minutes.



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Link: <https://beaconhillacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or you can access this via our academy website > Parents & Carers > Parents Evening Booking System

Please see below some additional information that will be useful when selecting your options:

- **Fine Art, Textiles and 3D Design:** Fine Art, Textiles and 3D Design are all the same qualification with the difference being the materials learners use to complete the course objectives. Due to this, learners are only able to select one of these qualifications as an option.
- **Separate Sciences:** Separate Sciences will be offered as an option this academic year. Due to the difficulty of this course, learners have been targeted separately for this qualification. If your child has not yet been spoken to by the Science team, then they should not look to select this as an option choice in Block B.
- **Computer Science:** We would like to remind any learners who are interested in taking the Computer Science qualification that they will need to attend the two taster sessions which will take place after school on Wednesday 2nd March and Friday 4th March. These taster sessions are an excellent opportunity for learners to gain more information about the course and will be a chance for us to determine whether this qualification will be right for them. The taster sessions will be led by Mrs Perkins in CI between 2.55pm and 3.45pm on both the above days.

As discussed during the launch event, whilst our aim is to be able to offer all the courses included in the options blocks, whether courses are able to run will depend on their popularity. Once all learners have made their options choices, we will then be in a position to be able to confirm your child's options and inform you of any courses which might be unable to run due to low uptake. If for any reason your child does not get their first choice, we will always consult your child and arrange a follow-up discussion.

We look forward to seeing you in school when you attend your one-to-one meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly via our academy helpline, helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk for any further information.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms N Lord
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