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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Year 9 Options Process**

In the spring term, as part of the Options Process, each student will select their Key Stage 4 subject choices. In order to help you plan ahead please find, detailed below, some key dates and information about the process.

Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Options Assembly – introduction to the options process to all Year 9 students. All Personal Development sessions will be focused on careers and options.
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Options information Booklet available through the school website.
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Careers Fair – Students will have the opportunity to meet universities, colleges, apprenticeship training providers and employers.
20 <sup>th</sup> January – 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 9 Careers Interviews – every student will meet with Mrs Thompson to discuss their career aspirations.
10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Subject Assemblies – Departments will present about the subjects they offer to help students select four subjects for their Options Taster Afternoon (not their final options at this stage).
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Students will be choosing their four subjects for the Options Taster Afternoon (these are not their final option choices at this stage). It is an opportunity to experience subjects they are considering. They will be doing this in school.
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 9 Parents Evening – Opportunity to speak to all subject staff to discuss your son/daughter's progress.
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Options Taster Afternoon – students will attend lessons based on their choices.
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Options Evening from 5.45pm – 8pm. A presentation about the Options process in the Theatre to all parent/carers and students. There will also be the opportunity to attend presentations about each option subject where the GCSE/Key Stage 4 curriculum will be explained in more detail.
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Year 9 Option Choices Deadline using Options online. More details to follow.
April 2025	Letters to parents confirming Option Choices.

You can access the full Options Booklet and further information on this link <u>https://cgss.co/9options</u>. Please take the time to consider this with your child as we start the process.

I look forward to working with you throughout this process and in the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <a href="mailto:options@coxgreen.com">options@coxgreen.com</a>.

Yours sincerely

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