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Dear Parents/Carers

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YEAR 10 & 11 OPTIONS

We are offering 2 Option Blocks this year to give your child an opportunity to explore what subjects they are interested in, and to help inform them what they may want to go on to do at college.

The Option Courses run for one year. We are running two weeks of taster sessions so that your child gets to experience every option before they make their choices. We will ask pupils to rank in order of preference what their choices are. We will endeavour to give every pupil their first and second choice but this will depend on uptake and numbers for each group.

Below is some information about each option – pupils will do Option 1 on a Tuesday and Option 2 on a Thursday.

Child Development

This option is for pupils who wish to develop knowledge and practical skills in child development. The course will prepare pupils for qualifications in Child Care, Health and Social Care, Psychology and Sociology and Biology.

Pupils will study the following topics:

- Health and well-being for child development
- Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to 5 years
- Understand the development norms of a child from birth to 5 years

Design Technology

In this option, pupils will use and develop the skills they have learnt in Key Stage 3 to design and make projects of their own. This will involve producing a folder of work including research and development of a final idea and the manufacture of a working prototype of this design. Completion of this option will gain pupils an Entry Level qualification in Art and Design.

Key skills pupils will develop in this option will be:

- Understanding of how to develop their ideas into effective design ideas
- Competence in using an extended range of tools and equipment
- Growing awareness of how to assess the effectiveness of products

Sports Leader Award

This option is for pupils who wish to develop knowledge and practical skills in coaching and leadership. Pupils will study for an 'I can lead' Award accredited by Sports Leaders UK. This will prepare pupils for qualifications in sport, fitness, coaching and public services.

The course includes:

- Exploring the different skills of a leader
- Planning, preparing and delivering sports sessions to their peers
- Trying out a range of different sporting activities
- Teamwork and leadership activities

Pupils will need to provide evidence in a portfolio to achieve the award.

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Computing

In this option pupils will have the opportunity to complete more units and obtain a full GCSE in Cambridge National in iMedia. Other pupils can opt to complete a personal development project (PDP) in Computing Vocational Taster. Pupils will cover many areas of learning and this can count towards work experience and college courses along with personal skills such as oral presentation, research, problem solving and discussions. The credits achieved could contribute towards other programs and qualifications such as PDP Bronze, Silver, Gold, Level 1 to 3 AoPE and CoPE. These courses are also recognised by the colleges as they offer this at various levels therefore, pupils will be able to move onto higher qualifications with the achieved credit.

Maths

This option allows pupils extra time to learn mathematical skills which will help to ensure an Entry Level Award in Mathematical Skills. It is part of a wider qualification offered by Pearson Edexcel 'Personal and Social Development'. The course aims to develop learners' skills in a broad range of areas, including communication, mathematics, skills for independent living, and skills for the workplace and engaging with the world around you.

Music

In this option, pupils learn and demonstrate techniques used in music. They will develop an awareness of how creative expression and enjoyment of music can have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. Pupils will develop their own creative voice and produce their own original work in addition to gaining an understanding of the importance of music and creativity in society and industry.

ASDAN Geography

This option comprises a series of challenges, covering topics such as physical processes; food, energy and waste and tourism. The topics offered have been chosen on the basis that most will not have been taught at Key Stage 3. It is about real places. Much of it uses the pupil as a starting point. It is about their place in the world – how they live in it, how it is changing for better and for worse and about their future in it. It will be about broadening pupils' horizons so they get a sense of seeing the bigger picture through social, economic and environmental lenses.

Enterprise

This option gives pupils opportunity to design a seasonal product to make, advertise, promote and sell. Pupils will learn various skills, including literacy and numeracy, social skills, and advertising and marketing skills, set up small businesses, know what is involved and how to promote and manage the product. Pupils will have opportunities to sell their products to parents, staff, pupils and the local community, hopefully making a profit!

Please talk to your child about their choices. Attached is the Option Choice form which is to be returned to school no later than 17th September 2021.

Yours faithfully



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