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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to share with you the plan for our Options process this academic year. We are committed to our extended range of options to motivate and engage students, and to ensure they have the widest range of choice when moving on to post 16 provision.

In order that we can decide which courses are likely to have enough support to be offered, we are asking students to indicate their top three choices. I would like to make clear that at this point that we are investigating which subjects would prove to be most popular; these are **not** the final menu from which students will choose their options. Courses will not be offered if there is not enough support. We will use the information provided to help us identify the final range of qualifications we will offer to our Year 9 cohort, in order that they can make their GCSE selections in early March.

Please use the accompanying booklet to help you find out more about the subjects that your child will not have studied during KS3. The full Options booklet will be available later in the process.

This year we will have an online information event and you will also have the chance to discuss your child's choices with a member of SLT. Please see the flowchart below, which shows our Options process for this year.

Straw poll to help identify which options can run	• Students to give an indicator of potential choices • To be submitted in online form by Wednesday 3rd February
Careers appointment with Mr Rigby	• Have a 1:1 careers appointment with Mr Rigby online • Opportunity to discuss future study and career choices
Assessments, Year 9 reports and tasters	• Sit assessments in each subject area • Teachers report on progress towards targets • You will have taster lessons for the subjects you have not taken at KS3
Year 9 subject Parents' Evening	• On 25th February parents and students to discuss progress report with teacher and explore potential to site subject at GCSE
Options Evening recorded information event	• From 25th February you can watch an online options event, which will explain how best to make option choices this year
Student, parent and SLT choices meeting	• During week of 1st March Yr 9 students and parents invited to a 1:1 discussion of option choices with a member of SLT
Make option choices by	• Submit option choices by 5th March • Information on how to do this will follow

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Your child will be able to make 3 option choices but will have to sit the following compulsory subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- History or Geography
- Combined Science or Triple Science

With our guidance, we are keen to enable our young people to be part of the decision regarding whether they take Triple or Combined Science, and whether they would be well suited to study French. We also offer our students the choice of sitting History or Geography. Should they wish to take both, they will be able to select this as one of their 3 option choices. In our straw poll, we would ask that your child identifies whether they would like to study History, Geography, or both.

Students need to complete the following Forms document online. This should be done by 9am on Thursday 4th February. Because this is only a straw poll to help us identify popular subject choices and combinations, we do not feel a longer period of time is needed to ask for this to be completed.

http://bit.ly/3r6Q8Wb

As always, we thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via office@kingarthurs.org.uk .

Yours faithfully,



Jen Jacklin
Headteacher