

Our Ref: JLE

19 October 2016

The Parents/Carers of: Students in Year 9

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 9 Options Process

At George Pindar School we are aware that Year 9 is a significant year in terms of choosing options. Students will shortly be making their option choices following a series of options assemblies and our Options Fair. Our main concern is that, with our help, and yours, your child selects the most suitable options. The Year 9 Option Booklet will be issued on Wednesday 16 November. I do hope that you will take the opportunity to encourage your child to look through the booklet and discuss his/her decisions with you.

Year 9 students will be having a range of Options assemblies (from Monday 7 to Friday 11 November) when each Faculty Leader will inform students about the range of options subjects they offer.

I would like to invite you to our Options Fair on **Wednesday 16 November from 6.00-7.30pm**. You will have the opportunity to hear an explanation of the Options process from a member of our School Leadership team and speak directly to Heads of Faculty and teaching staff of the options subjects. On display you will find examples of work, options syllabus, along with resources that will enhance the teaching of the subject. Staff, including the School's Careers Adviser Mrs Bilton, will be available to discuss career paths, qualifications and any other issues, or indeed concerns, that you may have regarding the whole option process.

Options forms may be handed in to Mrs Simpson in the Main Office from Thursday 17 November. However, we would request that all students ensure they have handed in their Options Form (found at the back of the Option Booklet) before they leave School on **Monday 21 November 2016**. Your child will have had plenty of opportunities to ask questions and should feel confident in making his/her choices. If, however, you feel that you are still unsure about the route your child will take, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Simpson at any point during the options process.

Your faithfully



Julian Leader  
**Headteacher**

### YEAR 9 OPTIONS– KEY DATES

Monday 7 - Friday 11 November	Options Assemblies for Year 9 students
Wednesday 16 November	Issue of Options Booklets Year 9 Options Fair – 6.00-7.30pm
Thursday 17-Monday 21 November	Submission of Options Forms
Monday 21 November	Deadline for submission of all Options Forms