

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

**Year 9 Options Week and Options Fayre W/C 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

After the half term holiday, our year 9 students will begin the journey of choosing their option subjects for Key Stage 4.

To launch this process we will have an '**Options Week**', aimed at encouraging the students to think about appropriate option choices, aspirations and possible career pathways. During this period, we will dedicate tutor time and PSHE lessons to supporting this journey, and the students will attend a virtual online 'Options Assembly'.

We will guide the students to reflect on which subjects they are interested in, and for which they need further information. They will record this on an '**Options Reflections**' assignment, in their virtual tutor group Google classroom.

We are inviting you and your child to our online '**Options Fayre**' on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March '21**. You will be given an opportunity to ask questions and seek further support in making these decisions as a family. We will send information about how to access this event in the first week back.

To support you in making these decisions, **each subject area has posted a video** on our Academy website, with information about the courses they offer in Key Stage 4. We recommend that you start to watch these videos in advance of the Q&A at the 'Options Fayre. You can find these videos at:

<https://parents.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Year+9+Options+%2D+Virtual+Options+Fayre&pid=1234>

**'Options' –Important Dates/Timeline**

W/C 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Options Week</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Virtual Options Fayre/Q&amp;A</b>
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Options forms will be available</b> <i>Personalised Option forms will show the options available to each student. Note- not all subjects will be available to every student.</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 9 Virtual Parents/Options Evening</b> <i>We will provide further information about these events later this term.</i>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Final deadline for submission of Options Form</b> <b><u>Final Choices made</u></b>

Yours sincerely



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