

21st January 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

As you will know from my previous communications, the spring term focus for Year 9 students will be the selection of their options subjects at Key Stage Four. In the week commencing 24th January, the students will participate in Options Week where they will be immersed in the options process each day.

Here is a reminder of some key dates:

Thursday 20 th January	IEAP Day 2 - Options focus
Week commencing 24 th January	Options Week: options assembly (Monday) Options PSHE lesson, tutor time activities, student's progress reflection activities.
Wed 26th January	Parents' virtual options Meeting via Zoom
Friday 4 th February	Option forms available
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 9 Parents' Options Evening
Friday 4 th March	Option form submission deadline

Year 9 Spring Term Reports

In tutor time your child will be given a Key Stage 3 progress card which they will use during reflection activities to help inform their choices, alongside an options information booklet. This will include the outcomes from all their most recent exams and assessments in every subject, as well as their levels of effort. We recommend that you spend some time at home looking through both, to help inform your discussions as a family.

This data will also be available via your MCAS account from Monday 31st January. If you are having any problems with your MCAS account please contact fiona.little@southfieldsacademy.com.

A full report, including tutor comments, will be shared with you during Parents' Evening on 3rd March.

Parents Virtual Options Meeting via Zoom - Wednesday 26th January, 5pm

You are invited to the options meeting, which will take place via Zoom, during which the senior team will address parents, carers and our students about the process of choosing their options. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Please join using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84815111928?pwd=ZUNoTm9nS1JlZxc5NDNDSDZWSXZkdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 1511 1928

Passcode: Fzth5D

We advise that you watch the option subject videos in advance of the meeting. These can be found on the Academy website or by clicking on the link below:

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

I look forward to working with and supporting all of our Year 9 students and their parents during this important process.

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