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Dear parent/carer

SUBJECT: Year 9 Option Forms - EBACC Pathway

Following our Virtual Options and Parents' Evening on 29th April we hope that you and your child have now started thinking about what subjects they might like to study at Key Stage 4. This letter will guide you through the options process and also provides you with a link to the Options Form which we would like you to complete by **Monday 10th May 2021**.

The Options Process 'To Do List':

- Visit our dedicated [Year 9 Options](#) website page.
- Watch the [Option Subject Videos](#).
- Read the [Options Booklet](#) carefully to find out more about each subject; including entry requirements, course information, assessment and further opportunities.
- Talk with your child, and ask your child to talk with their teachers, to discuss which subjects they might like to study.
- Decide on 4 option subject preferences and complete the [Options Form](#) following the guidance.

Guidance for the EBACC Pathway:

- Choose 4 subjects, a different one from each option block as shown in the table below.
- We strongly advise pupils selected for the EBacc Pathway to study **Geography or History and either French or German plus 2 other subjects**.
- Pupils are allowed to choose both Geography and History if they wish, and if it fits in with the language they have chosen.

Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Option Block D
BTEC in Sport / GCSE PE	Art, Craft & Design	Drama	BTEC in Sport
Engineering	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Computer Science
French	French	German	Design & Technology
Geography	Geography	History	Geography
German	History	Media Studies	Health & Social Care
History	Religious Studies	Science: Triple Award	Music

If you require any help completing the form itself or have any questions regarding the options process, please don't hesitate to contact me yates.j@risedale.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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