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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Year 9 Options

Over the forthcoming weeks, your child will be making important choices about the subjects they wish to study at Key Stage 4. This is an exciting time for our pupils, as it represents the first opportunity for them to take greater control of their educational pathway.

All pupils study the compulsory subjects of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE), PE and Social Studies. However, they also have a choice of 4 more subjects known as their 'options'.

Here is an outline of the Options process and dates for your diary:

Careers, Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG): All Y9 pupils are receiving careers lessons in tutor time explaining post-16 pathways, and one-to-one careers interviews are taking place now.

Year 9 Consultation Evening (Thursday 27th March): This event will take place in person, in the main school hall at Risedale. Pupils are also welcome. During the evening you will be able to find out about the progress of your child. We will send you information about the appointment booking system nearer the time.

Year 9 Options Evening (Thursday 3rd April): This event will take place in person, in the main school hall at Risedale. All parents/carers and pupils should arrive promptly at 6pm for an introductory talk explaining the Options process and pathways available. You will then have the opportunity to talk to teaching staff in person and find out more about the subjects on offer.

Options Booklet: On the Options Evening, you will be provided with a comprehensive Options Booklet, which will clearly outline all of the subjects and details, including some criteria for some subjects which may be required.

Options Form and Making Choices: Your child will not need to make their final choices on the Options Evening. A period of time will be provided for reflection and to gain extra information or support as required. We will then send all parents a link to an online Options Form which you and your child can complete together. Whilst we will always endeavour to give pupils the options they have chosen, please understand that on rare occasions this may not be possible e.g. if there are not enough pupils who have selected an option to make it a viable class, then I am afraid that this option may not run.

Thank you for your support throughout this critical process and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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