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Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 9 guidance process.

Choosing the right subjects for GCSE is one of the most important decisions a young person makes. The subjects chosen will affect the sixth form courses that can be studied, the university that a student goes to and the career a student takes up. The decisions taken in the guidance process will last for life.

It is important that your child gets all the support that they need in the guidance option process. I have included a timetable of key dates over the next few weeks.

Friday 6th January 2017	Assembly for students on NEW Y10 subjects and importance of making the right choices.
w/b 9th January 2017	Tutors and students start to discuss possible option choices.
Wednesday 8th February 2017	Year 9 Guidance & Progress evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm).
Thursday 9th February – Friday 3rd March 2017	Guidance choices are made in interviews between your child and a member of the SLT and other key staff.
Friday 10th March 2017	Deadline for all option choices.

In the week after these interviews, there may be further interviews with a small number of students whose first choices we cannot meet. These students will be offered their second option choice.

How can you support your child? They will have a booklet to support them making their guidance choices. They will need to complete the parts on aspirations, strengths and areas to develop. **Talk to them about their future.** Share with them your hopes about what future careers you would like them to do.



Please make a note of the Y9 guidance evening on **Wednesday 8th February 2016**. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's tutor to see their current grades and discuss how these grades could affect their choices. You can see information about the guidance subjects and the core subjects (English, Maths, Science, ECDL ICT and RE). You can meet representatives from local sixth form colleges. You will also receive the A4 data for your child, which will give you the most up to date information about your child's progress.

Many thanks for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me or other key staff: Mrs Swift (Director of Learning KS3) or Ms Rayner (Y9 Leader of Progress) on the school number if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Maleham', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Maleham
Assistant Headteacher