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Dear Parents / Guardians,

RE: Year 9 GCSE Options

Students in year 9 are about to make some important decisions regarding **GCSE choices** for next year. At Hendon we want all our students to be well prepared for the future, which is why we have a broad and balanced Key Stage 4 curriculum. We therefore have a mix of core subjects that all students must study in key stage 4 and optional subjects, which students can choose between.

To help students make the right choices we have 3 important events coming up this half term:

1. Friday 13th February: Year 9 Options and KS4 Transition Event

This event will be for **students only** and will run during period 6 up until **3.20pm**. Students will have a special lesson about their transition to KS4 followed by an event in the hall and canteen after school. Students will have the opportunity to visit market stalls in the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Fair and talk to teachers about the subjects they are interested in.

2. Thursday 29th January: Year 9 Progress Evening

Progress evening will provide an opportunity for both parents and students to ask questions to individual teachers about GCSE subject choices.

3. Wednesday 4th February 2026 Parent Coffee Morning – Year 9 Options Time: 10:30 - 11:30

We would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning at Hendon School to discuss Year 9 Options and how best to support your child in making informed choices for their future. This will be an informal opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, and gain a clearer understanding of the options process.

Topics We Will Cover:

- How the Year 9 Options process works.
- Guidance on supporting your child's decision-making.
- Subjects available and what they lead to.
- Who to contact for further advice.

Click on the link to reserve your space: [LINK](#)

In addition to the 2 events above, students will also receive advice and guidance on future career pathways through SMART Futures lessons and can access more detailed information about the Options process and the courses we offer on Frog. It will also be possible to speak

to form tutors on the Academic Review Day on Monday 23rd February with any further questions.

There is no immediate rush to make any decisions, however we encourage all students to be thinking about and discussing potential choices at home over the next few weeks. Please be aware that course changes at a later date are not always possible therefore getting the choices right from the outset is very important.

The electronic form for making Options choices on Frog will be open from **Friday 13th February to Friday 27th March 2026**. Please be aware that some courses have a maximum number of students and places will be allocated to students that meet the deadline in the first instance.

If you have any further questions about the options process please feel free to get in touch. My email is mahaym@hendonschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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