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Dear Parent, Carer and Students,

Re:- Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, 13th January 2022.

Students in Year 9 will soon be making their GCSE option choices in readiness to commence GCSE study in September 2022. At Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School we are aware of current challenges to the education system, and the future potential changes and challenges that our students may face. Our main goal is to support our students and their families in making the correct choices for future study and progression. We will continue to explore and assess the impact of the changing landscape of qualifications that are on offer and how these changes may affect our community.

Your child will receive their Pathway letter, Key Stage 4 options booklet, subject leaflets and the most recent IAG/Careers newsletter on 6th December 2021. This is the beginning of the options process which will continue throughout December 2021 to February 2022.

The Pathway letter shows our professional view as to the most appropriate Pathway for each student to follow at GCSE. At Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School, we have three Pathways, Blue, Green and Yellow. Further details and explanation of each Pathway can be found in the options booklet.

Our GCSE Key Stage 4 Options Evening will take place Face-to-face, on 13th January 2022. Links will be available on the school website before the evening, in preparation for the event, and in order to book specialist subject sessions. Presentations will also be available to download after the event. This will allow us to support as many students with as full a picture of national changes as possible, so that we can guide your children as to the best pathways for them.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our Year 9 GCSE Options evening will be a Face-To-Face event, but with limited numbers being able to attend each subject talk. Please book into the subject talks via the button on the school website, which will be live from 9am Wednesday 8th December 2021. Please note that places are strictly limited to one adult and one student, on a first come, first served basis. Face coverings are mandatory at the event, in line with school policy for inside spaces.

Please note that we use the SIMs Student App as an online system for choosing and registering options choices. The deadline for registering their options choices is midnight on 4th February 2022.

During the school assembly programme in Terms 1,2 and 3, we will be discussing each aspect of the options process. This will include information as to how students choose their options on our online system.

Also, please note that our bespoke careers website and Twitter pages can be accessed via these links:

<http://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php/students/careers-iag-advice>.

Twitter: @DHFSupdate and @dhfs_careers. Please note that all the options booklets and subject leaflets will shortly be available online via the Year 9 Options section on our careers website.

We look forward to seeing you Face to Face for the Open Evening on 13th January 2022

Yours faithfully

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