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12th January 2021

Dear Parent, Carer and Students,

Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Process. Virtual Options Evening, January 14th 2021.

Students in Year 9 will soon be making their GCSE option choices in readiness to commence GCSE study in September 2021.

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.

Our GCSE Key Stage 4 Options Evening will take place virtually, on 14th January 2021. Links will be available on the school website during the evening. 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.

We would normally welcome families into our school to have face to face discussions regarding the varied options choices that we offer. This is not possible this year due to COVID-19. To support students as fully as possible, we would still encourage students, parents, and carers to have discussions with the Curriculum Leaders and teaching staff. This can be completed via email.

In addition, we have supplemented the evening programme. From the special link on the school website homepage, you will be able to access:

- 1) Five introductory videos from Mr Cooper and myself, explaining the process
- 2) A video from each curriculum and subject area explaining each course that we offer
- 3) A "Virtual" Careers Convention
- 4) An FAQ document, approaching many of the regular questions that you may have, and,
- 5) A MS Form link where any questions and queries can be forwarded.

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 5th February 2021. Your child also received their Key Stage 4 options pack in November 2020. This included varied help guides and booklets, subject leaflets, and the most recent IAG/Careers newsletter. This is the beginning of the options process which will continue throughout this term.



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:
@DHFS_careers.

Please note that all the options booklets and subject leaflets are available online via the Year 9 Options section on our careers website at:
<https://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php/parents/careers-iag-advice>

We look forward to seeing you For the Virtual Open Evening on 14th January 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Pickles', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr K Pickles
Associate Deputy Headteacher