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Principal: Hannah Fahey

Dear Parent/Carer,

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**Re: Year 9 Options Update – Careers Support & Taster Lessons**

Following the successful launch of our Year 9 Options process and your child completing their Options Initial Interest Survey, we are moving on to the next stage of our Guided Options Process.

This week in assembly, your child will have had information about their upcoming GCSE Taster Lessons and the considerations that they will need to make when choosing their Options.

Next week, as part of National Apprenticeship Week, your child will be joining a series of Live Webinars to help them understand their career choices moving forward. The webinars will include topics such as:

1. Apprenticeship Awareness
2. Apprentice Panel Discussion
3. Employer Talks
4. Higher Education Institutes

Following that, in the first week back after half-term your child will have a GCSE Taster Lesson in each of their Options subjects to help them understand more about studying the subject at GCSE. There will also be additional sessions for those students who expressed an interest in studying GCSE Psychology or BTEC Business.

Please continue to discuss with your child the options that they might be interested in taking and how these subjects link to their future goals in terms of apprenticeships, university study and career pathways.

With Love, Hope and Trust,

Miss J Khan

**Senior Vice Principal**

