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Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers

KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS

Your child has begun their options process. During Years 7, 8 and 9, all pupils follow the full range of subjects offered as part of the curriculum. From Year 10 onwards, alongside the core subjects of Maths, English, Science, Welsh, RE and PE, pupils will study the subjects that interest them most.

Choosing options is an important step and can help shape your child's future studies and potential career pathways. To support this, we invite parents and pupils to attend our Options Open Evening on **Thursday 12 February between 4pm and 6pm**. This event will give you the opportunity to speak with subject teachers and learn more about the courses available in Year 10.

Key dates throughout the spring term:

Monday 19 January - Monday 02 February
Pupils watched presentations during registration explaining the different option subjects.

Wednesday 04 February
Pupils can make their initial free choice by selecting, in order of preference, three subjects they are interested in, plus an optional reserve choice. This QR code will give access to the form.

Thursday 12 February
Options Open Evening from 4pm to 6pm - an opportunity to discuss courses with teachers.

Friday 13 February
Deadline for pupils to complete their initial free choices.

Wednesday 25 February
Final option blocks released. Pupils must select one subject from each column.

Wednesday 11 March
Deadline for formal option choices.

Monday 20 April
Letters sent home confirming final option choices. Parents will be asked to sign and return confirmation.

Some parents' meetings may be arranged if further discussion or support is needed. The Head of Year will contact families directly where appropriate.

It is important that you take time to discuss the available options with your child. Please be assured that we will provide plenty of support throughout the process. If you have any questions, please contact us at options@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you on 12 February.

Yours sincerely



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