

Dear Y9 Parents/Carers

Options 2021-23

January 14 th

Hopefully, you found the Y9 report and Parents' evening on January 13<sup>th</sup> January useful in gauging some of the key strengths of your Y9 children. The next area of concern is now Options. This is the process whereby Y9 pupils choose their 4 optional GCSE courses to study in Y10 next year alongside their compulsory English, English Literature, Maths and Science GCSE courses.

The lockdown has come at an inconvenient time concerning Y9 Options. However, we have set up some events that match what we would do under normal circumstances. We have just moved them to an online format instead of meetings in person in school.

First, there is a zoom information meeting with me to guide you through the Options Process on **Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. Please do not worry if zoom is an issue, all the content will be placed on the Options page of the school website shortly after for your perusal. This link goes to the school website options page: <https://www.corsham.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Options+Information&pid=113>.

This information evening on January 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm will contain guidance on the options process only and will not be a question and answer session nor address particular subjects. Please click on the link below to attend. Please do not share this link with anyone as the event is reserved for Y9 Parents and Pupils only. As this meeting is a presentation only with discussion opportunities on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, all participants will be muted with video off and I ask that those settings remain throughout the meeting.

*Marcus Chapman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: Y9 Options Information Monday January 18th 6pm*

*Time: Jan 18, 2021 06:00 PM London*

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84854971710?pwd=ZXdyRTh0K09wck1lYVJZN1FVenp3QT09>

*Meeting ID: 848 5497 1710*

*Passcode: 306859*

Your opportunity to talk to Subject Leaders individually and find out more about particular options subjects will be on **Wednesday the 20th of January**. This will be an online Parents' evening, usual time from 5-7.30pm where you can book appointments to talk with representatives of any optional subject that you wish. The names of the teachers representing each subject are in the table below. We anticipate some subjects may be busy, so where this is the case there is a second teacher available, should there be no more appointments. This table also shows you the blocks that will be used. Pupils will pick one subject from Q, one from X, one from Y and one from Z.

Q		X		Y		Z	
Art	<i>Ms Sloan Ms McCarthy</i>	Drama	<i>Ms Derham</i>	Business	<i>Ms Ndiritu</i>	Art	
French	<i>Ms Hawkins</i>	Food	<i>Ms McGhee</i>	Design Tech	<i>MS Knight</i>	Business	
German	<i>Ms Holden</i>	French		Geography		History	
History	<i>Ms Browne Ms Cummins</i>	Geography	<i>Mr Taylor Mr Balu</i>	History		Media Studies	<i>Ms Everson</i>
Gcse Pe	<i>Ms Humphreys</i>	History		Computer Sci	<i>Mr Fletcher</i>	Science	<i>Mr Brown</i>
Pe/Camnat Sport	<i>Mr Derby</i>	Photography		Btec Digital	<i>Mr Adams</i>	Science	<i>Mr Withey</i>
Photography	<i>Mr Rogers</i>	Sociology	<i>Mr O'Pray</i>	Music	<i>Ms Chiles</i>	Sociology	
				Spanish	<i>Ms Hawkins Ms Holden</i>		

You can sign up for this 20<sup>th</sup> January Options Subject evening in the usual way and make appointments to see subject representatives by logging on through this link <https://corshamschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>. I

am also attaching a guide on how to book. <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

The final opportunity to discuss options will be a bookable parents' evening with myself from 5.30pm to 7pm on **Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>**. There will be 5 minute slots just for those who need them, to discuss any remaining options difficulties individually with me. The idea of this online event is to give you the opportunity to attempt to sort any unresolved problems your child may still have in arriving at their 4 subject choices. Booking opportunities for this evening will be emailed to you after the 20<sup>th</sup>. The online Option choice forms will need to be submitted by Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, you may also seek advice from our school Careers Adviser, Ms C Smith [clsmith@Corsham.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clsmith@Corsham.wilts.sch.uk)  
I am including her contact details here.

Kind Regards

Marcus Chapman