



Colton Hills Community School

Many Minds, One Mission

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to update you on the launch of the Year 9 Options process, which began with students in school this week.

Students received a presentation about the Options process from Mr Blower and were given Options booklets with information about the courses that we deliver in Key Stage 4. They will be making their choices by Tuesday 6th February, and you will receive their Options form in the new year with support on how to complete this at that time.

It is now a really good time for Year 9 students to start thinking about their choices and having as many conversations as possible about their thinking. One of the most important conversations they can have is with you at home, so we invite you to have a look at the Options booklet with them and to get involved in this critical process.

We would also like to give you early notice that we will invite you into school for our upcoming Year 9 Options Evening, a vital event in the school calendar.

The Options Evening will be held on **Thursday 1st February (4.00 pm - 6.30 pm)**, where you will have the opportunity to speak to form teachers regarding your child's choices. You will have a chance to discuss any support needed in choosing their options for Years 10 and 11, which is a highly important time in any student's life.

In addition, the evening will involve two Options talks from our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Blower. In these talks, you will be able to have the options process explained, including what choices your child will have to make, the deadlines for choosing and what support we will be offering to make this successful. The talks will take place at **4.45pm** and **5.45pm**, to fit in with whatever suits your schedule better.

We would be delighted to see you and believe that it is vital that you attend at this point in your child's time at Colton Hills, to ensure that we all play our part in helping them to make the right options choices for their future.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support you in any way.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Blower
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum

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