Dear Parents

We are now approaching the time when your son will be asked to refine his option choices, selecting subjects that he wishes to study in Years 10 and 11.

Accompanying this letter is an options choice form and an options booklet; I would urge you to discuss this matter very carefully with your son. It is vital that he selects subjects that he is doing well in and that he enjoys. He should also choose subjects that he thinks may be useful to any future career path he is considering at this time.

Your son’s report will enable you to see detailed comments about his attainment and progress in each subject area. We would encourage you to use the reports and IAR data as a main contributor to your son’s choices moving into Year 10. We envisage parents evening will be used to consult with teachers of your son’s subjects moving into Key Stage 4.

We will also be holding an talk to guide you through the options process. The talk takes place on 16th January 2019 at 5.30pm.

There are a number of key dates in the Spring Term in relation to the options process, which are listed below. It is important that these are adhered to, as we need to ensure that all the processes of timetabling can be completed in preparation for the start of the new term. We will do our best to allocate your son his first choice preferences; it is possible, however, that we will not be able to accommodate late applicants.

7th January  
16th January  
1st February  
Year 9 Parents Evening  
Year 9 Options Talk  
DEADLINE for Option Forms to be returned to school

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further guidance or support in relation to the options process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J L Brandon  
Leader of Key Stage 3