



Christleton High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please find enclosed a paper copy of our **Options Information Booklet** (printed prior to lockdown) which we are unable to issue to students in person. Although an electronic pdf of this is available on our website we thought you would still appreciate having a printed copy to read through, particularly as Year 9 students will soon need to make important choices about the subjects and courses they would like to study in Years 10 and 11.

Also enclosed is a **Year 9 Options: Student Note Card** which you might find helpful to complete as part of this decision-making process. This is for your own use and does not need to be returned to school.

Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you of the following programme that should help with this process: -

1. **Year 9 Subject Reports:** this end-of-term report data issued to parents in December should help to provide an important discussion point with students about how well they are doing in all of their subjects. We have changed the format of school reports this year to provide information on the Knowledge, Attitudes, Skills, and Habits displayed by students for each subject that they study.
2. **Options Information Booklet:** this 34-page document gives a summary of the options process, as well as more detailed information on over twenty different subjects that we offer. An electronic pdf of this is now available on our school website: <https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/uploads/files/year-9-options-information-202-1586.pdf>. A paper copy of the booklet is enclosed with this letter. The Curriculum section of our website also gives further information on each subject area.
3. **Options Presentation to Parents:** this six-minute video presentation gives a quick overview of the GCSE and BTEC grading systems, the English Baccalaureate, compulsory and option subjects, as well as some FAQs: <https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/curriculum/>
4. **Subject Presentations to Students:** subject teachers are giving short presentations on course content, assessment, and skills developed in remote learning lesson time. For those subjects which are new to students there will be a series of presentations available on our website from mid-January: <https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/curriculum/>
5. **Careers Research in ICT lessons:** students are being introduced to some useful websites during their core ICT lessons which will help give additional information, advice and guidance about how certain subjects are needed for particular future career pathways. Three of the most useful are:
 - I Could: <https://icould.com/>
 - Career Pilot: <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
 - BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

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6. **Meeting with Form Tutors: Wednesday 3rd February:** Parents will be able to make a five minute appointment for a virtual form tutor meeting which will give the opportunity have a quick overview of how students are doing. *(PLEASE NOTE: It is not practical to have a system of appointments with individual subject teachers this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have organised timetables in a way that means many staff teach multiple classes in the same Year group; some staff teach 200 students or more in any one Year group. This system has really helped to minimise the number of students we have had to send home to isolate. For this reason all Key Stage 3 Parents' Evenings are with form tutors only, although we hope that the KASH reporting system gives more helpful individual subject information than in previous years).*

The final deadline for students to make their choices is **Monday 8th February**. Please ignore the last bullet-point on page 6 of the Options Information Booklet (printed prior to lockdown) which mentions a deadline of 5th February and handing an Option Form to the Form Tutor. We will send you further details of how the final options choices should be submitted electronically in due course.

We hope that students are able to use all of the information, advice, and guidance to choose wisely.

Yours sincerely



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