

21st January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the revised plan for this year's Year 9 options process. As I am sure you are aware, we have had to modify this process this year but have tried to make it as helpful and as informative as possible.

I have included the key dates below to outline how it will work:

Monday 22nd February

- The publication of our options booklet online. This will outline details of all of the subjects we have on offer as part of the options process. A paper copy will also be available to be collected from the main reception.

Tuesday 23rd February and Wednesday 24th February

- The normal timetable for year 9 students will be collapsed. Instead, we will be providing taster sessions for all of our option subjects. These sessions will last for 30 minutes each. Students will have their break at the usual times. We will be sending out a timetable of these sessions just before the February half term. Our expectation is that students attend all of the sessions offered in order to make informed choices about their options.

Wednesday 24th February

- Our options evening hub will go live at 5pm. This will contain helpful advice and guidance about the options process as well as video introductions to all of the option subjects.
- You will be sent a google form to complete your option preferences. The deadline for completion of this form will be Monday 15th March. This is to give you some time to discuss the options at home and make your final decisions after having attended the taster sessions, read the options booklet and discussed this with your teachers during parents evening.

Thursday 25th February

- Parents evening. These will take place virtually as 5 minute video appointments. Mrs Green will write to you separately to explain this process and how to make appointments. For core subjects, teachers will focus on the progress of your son/daughter. For option subjects please use these appointments as an opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's suitability for that particular subject. Appointments with our independent careers advisor

can be booked through our Careers Lead, Mrs Compton, during this time, should you need more guidance.

Monday 15th March

- Deadline for completion of google options form. Should you be unable to complete this online, please email Mrs Green at: hgreen@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk to discuss alternative arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

S. Carroll

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