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Dear Parent/Carers,

### Year 9 Options process

As mentioned in my letter to Year 9 families in December, students in Year 9 preference their subject choices for Years 10 and 11. This process begins with our Year 9 Options Event. This event will be held on site on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 4pm to 6pm and is an opportunity to speak to staff about the courses and look at student work. Please arrive by 5pm at the latest to give yourself enough time to see all of the subjects you are interested in. This event will be held in two venues as we have a wide range of options available, and this is designed to keep our students' learning broad and balanced, whilst also preparing them for their next steps.

In the Lime Lounge	In the Main Hall
English Literature and Language	Art
Maths	Business Studies
Double Science	Drama
Triple Science	Health and Social Care
History	Music
Geography	Photography
Modern Foreign Languages (French, German and Spanish)	Physical Education
	Psychology
	Sociology
	Textiles

For each of the subjects listed above you are also able to access further information via this link:

<https://www.ukatevents.org.uk/chatham-grammar-open-event/welcome-yr-9-options/>

The website is designed to provide an outline of each of the subject options available and will go 'live' on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

In Years 10 and 11, all students will study English Language, English Literature, Maths, Double Science, Ethics and PE core. Students then have the opportunity to choose four further subjects. One must be a Humanities subject (History or Geography) and one a modern foreign language (French, German or Spanish). It is expected that the language chosen is the language currently studied in Year 9. Students are also able to choose both Humanities subjects, however these would be seen as one or two of their option choices.

As students go through the process of making their subject choices, we recommend that they spend time exploring and discussing these options to help make their decisions. If you would like any support from your child's subject teacher or personal tutor, please contact them via email at the academy to discuss. Year 9 Parents' Evening held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 is a good opportunity to ask subject specific questions. There will also be a series of assemblies during the

week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February that will be an opportunity for students to find out more from the teachers who lead subjects not currently taught in Year 9.

These are important choices to make, and they should be built upon strengths, interests as well as future career choices. If students are motivated and enjoy what they are studying, they are far more likely to achieve well over the next two years.

Once your child has made their choice the 'options form' will need to be completed. The link to this form will be sent to you on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This is to ensure option preferences have been carefully considered before finalising preferences. It is important to note that subjects will only run if there is enough interest shown and while we will always endeavor to ensure that students are able to study their preferences this is not always possible and, in those circumstances, we will ensure that students have the subject with the highest preference possible.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email

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Yours sincerely,

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