

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Dear parents and carers

Re: Year 9 Options Process

This is a very important term for Year 9 students. Throughout the first three years at Kirk Hallam Community Academy, all students follow the subjects of the National Curriculum. This provides them with a foundation for further study into the next two years and beyond.

As they move into year 10, the next two years of compulsory education (key stage 4) will entail the core subjects but also the Options subjects they have chosen. Key stage 4 is about more than just 'knowing things'. Students will develop skills, both academic and practical, which they can apply across their studies, to become an effective and independent learner.

This term we will be asking students to decide, with support, the subjects they wish to study during key stage 4.

The key dates in the Options process are:

Date	Time	Event	Open to
Tuesday 14th March 2023	Tutor time	Students Options assembly	Students
The Options process will be launched with students during a special assembly for year 9 students.			
Tuesday 14th March 2023	6pm	Options process presentation	Parents/carers and students
You are invited to attend a presentation in Lakeside Hall, which will outline the key stage 4 curriculum and Options process.			
Thursday 23rd March 2023	4pm – 7pm	Parents' evening and consultation with teachers	Parents/carers and students
This is an opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers, discuss their progress and their potential choices for next year. Options Process forms will be given out during this evening, which your child will need to keep safe.			
Friday 31st March 2023	Tutor time	Deadline for return of Options process form	Students
Students should hand their Options choices form to their tutor before the deadline.			

After the Easter break, all Options choices will be reviewed, and a member of the Senior Leadership team will meet with your child to discuss and confirm their Option choices.

We want our students, parents and carers to be involved fully in the Options process. We encourage students to find opportunities to discuss their future aspirations with their parents, subject teachers and tutor, and take responsibility for determining their future path.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Still', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Still
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