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Dear Parents and Carers

KS4 Options Information and Guidance 2022

I trust that that this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you with regards to the upcoming decisions that students in year 9 will take relating to their KS4 options.

In this letter I will detail the options process and guide you through the choices they have, as well as providing you with key dates and sources of support that the Academy can offer during this stage of their academic career.

Options process

The options process will formally begin on the week commencing the **14th March 2022**.

Stage 1: Options information (Launches 14th March)

Options information is available on the academy website <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/year-9-options> there will also be a link on the students TEAMS account called 'Options 2022'. Here you will be able to access the options guide containing all key information.

Stage 2: Thinking and discussion time

Following on from the Parents evening on the 3rd March, you will have had some valuable feedback on the progress your child is making in their subjects. This information will then inform your child's option choices.

Stage 3: Selecting your options (Must be completed by 31st March)

To select their options an assignment will be sent to students via TEAMS on **Friday 18th March** where they will select four options based on preference, including reserve choices.

The submission date for option choices is the **31st March 2022**.

Supporting you with your choices

Making the right choice is a difficult and sometimes challenging prospect, to support you with this the Academy has provided a series of information resources to help you make your decisions. This will be shared primarily in the form of the online options guide as well as subject support videos with additional information relating to careers and further study.



Note: At this stage I wish to inform you that whilst the vast majority of students will receive their chosen options. There may be rare occasions where this may not be possible, in such instances we will work with the students to ensure they are allocated courses which meet their interests and expectations.

Support team

To support our students with their options, a dedicated group of staff will be able to handle your queries and provide you with guidance in relation to your options. The staff contacts are:

Mr C Pollard – Director of Studies

Mrs C McPoland – Pastoral Leader Year 9

Mrs K Bretherton – SENCO

Miss J Smith – Lead Teacher Designation Provision

Mrs J Leigh – Careers and Post16

Mrs C Hackett – Administrative support

Careers and Post16 guidance

It is never too early to start planning for the future, we have included a guide and links to post16 study and careers within the options information page. Which will provide students with an overview of careers and post16 options.

If you would like further information in relation to further study and careers post16, we can arrange a meeting with our careers advisor who will be able to answer any questions you may have about your choices after studying at Padgate Academy.

If you have any questions, concerns or require any other form of support, please contact the academy using info@padgateacademy.co.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers in anticipation for the support you will provide whilst guiding your child through the options process.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Pollard
Director of Studies