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Dear Parent or Carer

KS4 Options Information and Guidance 2021

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 **15th March 2021**.

Stage 1: Options information (Launches 15th March)

Options information is available on the academy website as well as a link on the students TEAMS account called 'Options 2021'. Here you will be able to access the options guide containing all key information.

Stage 2: Thinking and discussion time (15th -19th March)

There will be an opportunity during Parents evening on **Thursday 18th March** to discuss their choices with subject teachers.

Stage 3: Selecting your options (19th March – 1st April)

To select their options an assignment will be sent to students via TEAMS where they will select up to four options based on preference.

The submission date for option choices is the **1st April 2021**.

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

Mr M Taylor – Pastoral Leader Year 9

Mr R E Perry – Careers and Post16

Mrs J Turner – Administrative support

A guidance video can be accessed by visiting <https://youtu.be/26t6wV7n9BM>

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