



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you are well.

The most exciting time of our school year for Year 9 has arrived – options time!

This letter outlines how this year's option process will look, in what can only be described as very strange times.

Options evening will take place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 between 4 and 7pm**. To ensure safety for everybody involved, the options evening will take place online.

During the evening, you will be given the opportunity to listen to each Head of Department present the options available within their department. You will then be able to book in to speak to the Head of Department if you have any questions which are specific to your child and their choices.

Following the presentations, your child will be issued a link where they will be able to fill in their options choices.

It is essential that all students and parents/carers attend this event. This is a big step in your child's future and we want you to be armed with as much information as possible to make the correct decision for your child.

### **How many options choices will my child have?**

Each student will be able to choose three options.

### **Will my child be guaranteed to get the options they choose?**

No. We ask all students to choose a reserve option in the event that we are not able to fulfil everyone's option requests due to timetable constraints.

### **If my child has already decided exactly what they want to do, do we have to attend the event?**

Yes. It is important that students challenge their thoughts on what they want to choose and ensure that, after listening to the Head of Department, the options they are choosing are the right ones for them.

**How do we join online?**

We will be sending out further details next week on how to join the presentations online.

**We do not have access to a device or internet at home, how can we join?**

If you are struggling to access a device, please contact Miss Malhi on [gmalhi@nusa.org.uk](mailto:gmalhi@nusa.org.uk) as we will be arrange for you to come in to school and use one of our school computers for the event.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Emma Howard

Head of School