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Dear Yr 9 Parents/Guardians

GCSE Options 2018-20

I refer to my letter of 8th January 2018 regarding the GCSE subjects which your daughter would like to study during Key Stage 4. We have been able to finalise the option block structure based on the indicated preferences of the Year 9 pupils contained in responses to my previous letter and would now ask you to specify which GCSE option subjects your daughter would **definitely** wish to study from next September.

The option block structure has been designed to allow as many pupils as possible to be able to select their 4 indicated preferences, but owing to staffing and budgetary constraints, a very small number of pupils will need to change one of their choices from those previously indicated. It is our current intention, based on the students' indicated preferences, to run classes in each of the subjects described in the Year 9 Options Booklet. However, one or more of these subjects may be withdrawn, and relevant pupils asked to choose again, if insufficient demand exists for any subject following collation of the final choices of all pupils.

I should be grateful if you would complete the Option Block Form which accompanies this letter, choosing **one** subject from **each** of the 4 option blocks and stating their **order of preference**, which will be used to establish priority in case a course is oversubscribed.

As previously advised, your daughter must choose either History or Geography, but is not obliged to choose a Foreign Language. She can only choose 'Separate Sciences' if she has previously been informed by her Science teacher that she is eligible to take three separate Science GCSEs.

Thank you for your assistance. The Option Block Form should be returned to me via your daughter's form teacher by **9.00am on Tuesday 20th February 2018, at the very latest**, please. It is worth emphasising that, except in exceptional circumstances, (usually for pastoral reasons), your daughter will **not** be able to change these choices later in the year.

Yours sincerely

Julie Stephenson
DHT Curriculum

