



5 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to thank you for your on-going support during these challenging times and hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

### **Year 9 Options 2021**

This year, the process for our Year 9 pupils to select their GCSE and Vocational options, which they will start in September 2021, has been amended to take into account remote learning and no face to face Options Evening. By amending the dates and extending the period of time which options may be discussed with subject teachers via email or Teams, we hope that every pupil is supported, has the opportunity to reflect on their future aspirations and ensure they make the best choices.

Next week, pupils in Year 9 will have the options process explained to them through Teams presentations which will also be available to view on our school website. Alongside this, we are publishing the Options Booklet which is available on our school website:

<https://www.titussaltschool.co.uk/parents-and-student-info/14-16-options>.

The Options Booklet gives information about the options process and details of all subjects which are available to study through Years 10 and 11. It also has the email addresses of specialist subject teachers who can be contacted to answer any subject specific questions.

There will be a virtual Options Event on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, of which more details will follow. For this event there will be a parent/carers presentation and access to a range of videos from subject areas giving more information and covering the types of questions that specialist subject teachers have been asked in previous years.

Options process dates:

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| • <b>Wk/c 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>       | Teams presentation for pupils outlining the options process. |
| • <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Virtual Options Event Year 9 Parents / Carers / Pupils       |
|   | Option Forms sent out via Parentmail                         |
| • <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>        | Year 9 Data / Reports sent via Parentmail                    |
| • <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Deadline for return of Options Forms                         |

We understand that pupils may find it more challenging in choosing their options this year and hope that by extending the process we can offer more support. In the meantime, if you have any further questions please contact either myself ([fst@titussaltschool.co.uk](mailto:fst@titussaltschool.co.uk)) , Mr Atkinson ([atk@titussaltschool.co.uk](mailto:atk@titussaltschool.co.uk)) , Year Leader (Year 9), Miss Downey ([dny@titussaltschool.co.uk](mailto:dny@titussaltschool.co.uk)) , Assistant Year Leader (Year 9) or Miss Barrow ([bar@titussaltschool.co.uk](mailto:bar@titussaltschool.co.uk)) , Senior Leader Achievement.

Yours sincerely

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