

NSH/CCH

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **YEAR 9 OPTIONS BOOKLET**

In this pack you will find your child's Personalised Choices booklet. This booklet will help you and your child to finalise their subject choices for Years 10 and 11. The booklet contains a particular range of subjects for them to choose from. These are the most appropriate range of subjects where the course content studied and structure of assessment will lead to the best possible outcomes at the end of Year 11. The choice of subjects that your child has been given to choose from have been selected using the information we have about their performance data and grades and also the way in which they study and learn. Please be reassured that we have spent a long time aiming to get this correct for all students in the year group. Please refer to the penultimate bullet point in this letter if you would like to discuss this with someone in school.

The Personalised Choices booklet is divided into three sections. The first section is an introduction to studying at GCSE and explains the new GCSE grading system and grading in BTEC and other vocational courses. The second section explains the compulsory courses that all students in Years 10 & 11 will study. The third section contains the guided choices that your child has available to choose from. The last page of the booklet is the Option Choice sheet.

This is the sheet that you will need to complete and hand in by Monday 28 February 2021. The option sheet explains how many of each type of subject (where appropriate) to choose from. **Please note that is not 'first come, first served', but if you are late it may affect the choices available to you.**

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Our continued advice to you and your child will be:-

- Attend our live TEAMS presentation for parents/carers and students on Wednesday 2nd February, 5:00pm: (This will be recorded so you can watch it at your own convenience.)
- View our Year 9 narrated PowerPoints for subject specific information available to view on our website at your convenience from 5pm on Wednesday 2nd February 2022.
- View our Year 9 Virtual Careers' Fair when it becomes available.
- Attend your appointments for our Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultation Session on Wednesday 9th February 2022: You will have already received your invitation to this along with your unique SchoolCloud login information. Please contact Caroline Chirnside [cchirnside@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:cchirnside@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk) if you are having difficulty with this.
- Read the Personalised Choices Booklet carefully.
- Make decisions of which subjects to choose based on the subjects themselves, what you think that you will enjoy, and what you think that you will be successful in; not what your friends are choosing!
- Contact school if you would like to make a telephone appointment (or face to face appointment if appropriate) with a member of the Year 9 team or Mr Holmes for a general options query or your child's subject teacher for a subject specific option query.
- Find out what opportunities will be available in the Sixth Form, and the future, if you choose (or decide not to choose) a particular subject. Your subject teachers and your Citizenship teacher may be able to help you with this.

We hope you will find this valuable for helping you and your child choose the best options for their future success.

Yours sincerely



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