

24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: GCSE Options Process

The GCSE options process will begin this term. This is an exciting time for students in Year 9 as they embark upon the next stage of their education. At Bexhill Academy, we pride ourselves on the range and breadth of subjects that we offer. I am sure that there will be plenty of subjects that will catch the students' imagination and open doors to an exciting future. All Year 9 students will be able to choose some of the subjects that they study for their GCSE qualifications. All students will study the following GCSE subjects:

- English language
- English literature
- Mathematics
- Science (combined science or triple science)

In addition, all students will be required to choose **at least one** of the following subjects:

Computer science	French	Geography	German
History	Latin	Spanish	

Students will then have the opportunity to choose **three subjects** from the following:

Art and design	Ceramics	Computer science	Child development
Dance	Design and technology	Drama	Engineering
Food preparation and nutrition	Geology	Geography	German
Health and social care	Latin	Music	Philosophy and ethics
Photography	Physical education	Spanish	Statistics and further mathematics

Students will also study PSHE, core PE and RS/citizenship, but these are non-examined subjects.

Subject leaders have produced videos to explain their subject, and these are available on the school website for you to watch. On the main school website, please go to the 'parents' tab and then find 'Year 9 Options'.

<https://www.bexhillacademy.org/parents/year-9-options>

Students will be watching these videos in tutor time, so that they gain as much information about each course as possible before making any choices.

On **Tuesday March 14 (5.30pm-7.30pm)**, there will be an options evening, to which we invite students, parents and carers to get information about each subject and the options process. Teachers from each subject will be available to answer your questions. There will be two main talks in the theatre at 5.30pm and 6.30pm, so please try to attend one of these talks.

Students need to hand in their options choices on the sheet provided **by 8.15am on Thursday March 23**.

We hope you enjoy the process of choosing the GCSE options with your child and we hope to see you on Tuesday March 14 for the options evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Neal', with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr C Neal
Vice Principal