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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Options

During this half term, we ask that Year 9 students complete the GCSE Options process. This is a very important stage in their education. It is when they choose the subjects they would like to study for their GCSE courses, starting in Year 10. These courses run over Years 10 and 11, so students will not sit their exams or complete their courses until the end of Year 11.

Students have received Options assemblies throughout term 1 whereby they watched subject presentations from the relevant staff members. Parents and students should have read the Options Information Booklet (issued to all students in Year 9. You can also find it on the same page of the website as this letter). Please discuss with your child which subjects they are good at and those they enjoy. When they are ready to make their choice, they must complete the Option form (included with this letter), which can also be found on the website, and return it to their form tutor. **The deadline for this is Friday 9 February.**

In summary, the vast majority of students will study:

Maths, English, Science, Humanities (a choice of History or Geography), a Modern Foreign Language (the one they have been studying since Year 7), and one lesson a week of Religious Studies (half a GCSE). All students will continue to attend one lesson a week of core PE, but this does not count towards any qualification. However, students may opt for PE as one of their options, in addition to the compulsory lesson.

All students must choose from one of the following options:

Fine Art, Business, Classical Civilisations, Computer Science, Drama, Technology: 3D Design, Technology: Textiles, Technology: Hospitality and Catering, Health and Social Care, iMedia, Music, PE, or Photography.

They may opt to take an extra humanity instead of the above choices. For example, History and Geography, instead of just one of them.

Similarly, if your child is a keen and talented linguist, they may opt for a second modern foreign language (French, German or Spanish) in addition to the language they have been studying since Year 7. However, if they decide to choose an extra humanity, or an extra language, this would be **in place of** any of the other option choices.

If you would like more information about any subject, please email the relevant curriculum leaders, whose names can be found in the Options Information Booklet.



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There may also be the possibility of studying certain subjects during two lessons a week after school; and/or Religious Studies (the full GCSE course) for one hour a week after school.

If you require any further information or advice about the after-school options, or studying a second language, please email stevenfidler@allertongrage.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Fidler', written in a cursive style.

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