



6 January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Plymstock School Year 9 Option Choices Evening – Thursday 19 January 2022

I am writing to invite you to our Year 9 Option Choices Evening on **Thursday 19 January**. The evening will run from 6.15pm to 8.30pm and will give you the opportunity to attend subject talks. In addition to finding out more about the subjects we offer, we strongly recommend you attend one of the general talks which will give you all the information you need about how to guide your child through the process. The general talk will take place in the school hall at 6.15pm and will be repeated at 7pm. To help us manage numbers at the general talks, we ask that students and parents from certain tutor groups attend at the following times where possible:

6.15pm – 9CDY, 9JNB, 9OHT, 9JSB, 9LEN and 9RLR

7pm – 9LLG, 9PCG, 9NJR, 9EEC, 9GMD and 9KMB/EAJ

Students in year 9 will attend an assembly on **Wednesday 11 January** when I will outline the process for students and give advice about how to choose options that will keep your child on a broad and balanced curriculum, whilst ensuring that they can start to think about future ambitions. Following the assembly, students will be given a Curriculum Booklet and I encourage you to read through this booklet with your child and to start to form ideas about choices.

Further details about the Option Choices Evening will be given to your child next week and will also be sent home via MyEd. It is important to plan your evening in advance so that you and your child can make the most of this event to find out more about the subjects they might want to study in years 10 and 11. The subject sessions are an opportunity to find out what students will learn and what lessons will be like. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and we will be encouraging students to chat to teachers in the coming weeks if there is anything they want to know more about. The subject sessions will involve a 10-minute talk and then 5 minutes of questions.

Progress Checks for year 9 will be sent via MyEd on **Thursday 26 January** and will include instructions for booking appointments for the parents' evening which will be held on **Thursday 2 February**.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19 January and please look out for the Curriculum Booklet and subject talk information that your child will bring home next week.

Yours faithfully

Louise Duff
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER (CURRICULUM)