

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please be reminded that your child is entering an exciting time in their school life and has important decisions to make about some of the subjects they will study over the next two years.

All students must complete the following compulsory subjects:

- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Core and Additional Science GCSE
- Core PE (non-examined)

Our 'Guided Choice' subjects make up the rest of the curriculum time. Students undertake four further courses. All students must pick either History or Geography. The Government and Ofsted has recently made clear that they now expect the majority of students to study a foreign language at GCSE. Hence, students in the following French groups must study French - B, O, W and P (the modern languages department are currently reviewing which students will be in P group from the current groups P and A). Other students may elect to pick French.

As part of the options process, Bower Park will be hosting an Options Evening on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**. This evening will provide an opportunity for students and parents to find out more about the courses available and to speak to staff one to one.

Following the options evening, students must complete their options online by **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Each student will then have an interview with the Director of Learning regarding their option preferences between **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April** and **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.

Options will then be confirmed on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

Many Thanks,

Mrs H Stannard

Vice Principal