

Dear Families,

The time is upon us where we are starting to look at the options process for Year 9 students, for them to start picking the subjects they would like to study at GCSE when they reach Year 10.

All students will continue to study the core offer of English Language, English Literature, mathematics, science and core PE. They then choose between history or geography (or they can choose both). Then the majority of students also continue with Spanish. Students will then have a free choice of two or three additional subjects from a full list of option subjects.

In lessons this week and over the coming weeks, teachers will be talking to them about the different subjects they can study including GCSEs and vocational courses.

In Spanish, humanities, and science we will be asking students some key pre-options questions to help us formulate the structure of the options process.

Before we break up for February half term, we will send home an options booklet which will outline the process, and give key information about the different courses available. We will also upload video clips onto the school website with a brief description of each course.

Please do look through the booklets and videos over half term and have discussions around what subjects and courses your child would like to study.

After half term, each student will have a one to one meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will discuss and guide them through the process. If you have already had these discussions with your child, it will make the process much smoother as the students will be more prepared for the meeting. We will of course communicate the outcomes of these meetings with you and should further meetings involving yourselves be required, these will be arranged.

Any parent or carer who would like to attend the meeting with their child will be offered that opportunity via Microsoft Teams. Details to follow.

If you have any questions regarding the process please do email [lharrison@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lharrison@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

I look forward to sharing the options booklet with you just before half term.



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