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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to be able to share with you the options booklet for this year which outlines descriptions of each course on offer. As well as this information being in the booklet, you can also find it on the school website:

<https://shuttleworthcollege.org/curriculum/options/>

**Over half term:**

Please look through the options booklet with your child and encourage them to think about the subjects they would like to take at key stage 4.

All students will continue to study English Language and Literature, mathematics, science and core PE. Students do not need to include these in their option choices. The vast majority of students are expected to study either Spanish or French and either Geography or History. This ensures students have a wide breadth of subjects to enable them to succeed whatever their future aspirations.

Students then have a completely free choice of 2 subjects from the list on page 5 of the options booklet. We do ask that all students pick a 'back up' option, just in case any courses do not run due to low numbers. Please refer to the table in the booklet which shows the proportion of exam and portfolio work in each course. We recommend that students do not study more than 2 courses with high portfolio content, and note that no courses are easy courses.

**After half term:**

**We would like to invite you and your child to an Options Evening on 28<sup>th</sup> February 5.30-6.30pm.** This evening has been designed to provide you with information about the different qualifications, further education pathways and how we at Shuttleworth College will support your child to achieve their aspirations.

**One to one meetings with a member of the Senior Leadership Team will take place between Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.** In these meetings your child will be able to discuss their Option choices and ask any questions that they may have. In preparation for these meetings, please make a note of courses your child would like to study in Options Choices box at the bottom of this letter and ensure that they bring it into school after half term. If your child is unsure what they would like to study, do not worry, we will discuss this with them in their meetings.

If you would like to attend this meeting with your child, please email Mrs Price [cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

In the unlikely event that we are unable to accommodate your child's 2 choices, we will aim to confirm their updated options with you before we break up for the Easter holidays.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs C Price

Option 1	Spanish/French (delete as appropriate)	Option 3	
Option 2	History / Geography (delete as appropriate)	Option 4	
		Back Up Option	