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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 Options

I hope you and your family are well.

Firstly, I would like to emphasise how proud I am of all our learners for their adaptability during the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, due to the current climate, we are unable to communicate the Year 9 Options process as we had originally planned with a face-to-face Options Evening event. However, the academy is working extremely hard to ensure that Year 9 learners receive the best experience possible, so that they can make informed decisions and 'Dream big' for the future.

Learners will choose their option subjects in the latter part of the Spring Term. Therefore, I would like to confirm the following upcoming communications:

a) Year 9 Options Assemblies (Week commencing 24th January 2022)

Assemblies for Year 9 learners will take place in school. The assembly will set the scene for learners, detailing what the options process means for them and encouraging them to think about their preferred subjects. An overview of the subjects on offer will be provided as part of the assembly.

b) An Options Survey and Parent Information Event Online (Week commencing 31st January 2022)

Following the assembly, Year 9 learners will be provided with an Options survey. The purpose of this survey will be for learners to express their initial interest in their preferred subjects. This survey will also enable the academy to forward plan. *Note that this survey will be for learners to register their interest for subjects and not where learners choose their final options; this will be completed in the latter part of the Spring Term.* Mr Roe and I will also arrange a virtual parent's information event to explain the options process to parents and carers. Further details of which will be shared nearer to the time.

c) Virtual content (ongoing)

The academy will be creating virtual content, which will help learners with their decisions. This includes Videos and Learner Reviews of our diverse range of subjects. Subject leaders



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will also present virtual assemblies to share an overview of the curriculum for their subjects and assessment approaches.

In addition to the above, the academy is in the process of finalising the 2022 Options Brochure. This brochure will provide further details of each subject area. Where applicable, content will also be added to our academy website under the Curriculum tab. Our dedicated Careers team will also be on hand to provide one to one support to learners. Additional Careers information will be released in due course to support the Year 9 Options process.

We know that a face-to-face event would always be preferable; however, we want to reassure you that the academy will provide the relevant information and support for your child through this process. As always, please do contact us directly via our academy helpline, info@thelinkacademy.org.uk for any further information. Mr Roe is the member of the Senior Leadership Team and he will be leading you and your child through this process.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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