

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and I'm very happy to be writing to you today regarding the next step of our exciting options process.

Please find the Rastrick High School 2021 Options Booklet accompanying this letter, which I hope provides a platform for all our Year 9 students to use to commence their options process. The Options Booklet includes information regarding the process of selecting subjects before going on to introduce each subject offered across our curriculum which students can choose to study. On these pages you will find general information about each subject, the course content and how students are assessed on each course. You will also be able to find general information about studying at Key Stage 4 including the English Baccalaureate, Vocational courses and GCSEs. I would advise all students and families to spend some time digesting the information in this booklet as a start point to begin to inform the decisions you will have to make in the coming weeks.

To further support this process we have developed a dedicated Options page on the school website. This page includes a broad range of resources to support students and families through the options process, I would like to specifically draw your attention to the main options page. On this page you will find a video from Subject Leaders, Lead Teachers or class teachers from every subject available for students to study at Key Stage 4. Here students will get an idea of what each subject is all about and in some cases even hear from some students currently studying these courses. Each subject video also highlights the potential career paths they lead towards providing students with a crucial glimpse at their potential futures should they decide to study that subject.

To provide students and families with further guidance and support with regards to careers we have included a range of resources on the school website. This includes information regarding life beyond high school such as college, university, apprenticeships and the local labour market to help students make informed decisions regarding their options.

I hope that by immersing themselves in this range of support and guidance, both at home and in-school, all Year 9 students will feel confident in making the choices which are right for them and their future.

Finally, I would like to end this letter by informing you all that the form which students need to use to select their subject choices for Key Stage 4 will go live on the following page from Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> March and will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

If you need any help or support regarding the options process then please email us at [options@rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:options@rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk)

Best wishes

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