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Dear parents/carers

**Year 9 Guided Choices**

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to provide an update on the Year 9 Guided Choices (Options) process.

Year 9 students made their initial preferences for their KS4 curriculum earlier this year. Since that time, it has been necessary to review and refine the process in order to provide the very best curriculum for your child. The refinements ensure that the Academy’s curriculum is academically ambitious, aligns with the government’s and ATT’s EBacc expectations and reflects changes to our staffing for the new academic year. As a result of the review, we now need to repeat the preference process. You will be sent by text, a link to an updated Guided Choices form that I would like your child to complete.

I ask that for each column your child uses the arrows to rank the subjects within it. They should place their first preference at the top of the list and then the other subjects in order of preference so that their last choice would be at the bottom of the list. Students should ensure that their first preference is different in each column. Once completed, the form should then be submitted. If your child changes their mind, after submitting their form, they may complete and resubmit a new form. We will only use the latest version submitted. Please be aware that the deadline for submission is 9.00am on Monday 8 June 2020.

If you require any support in completing this revised Guided Choices form please contact your child’s tutor in the first instance or Lindsey Glasby (Assistant Principal, Data and Curriculum) l.glasby@dukeries.attrust.org.uk.

Once all Guided Choices forms have been submitted, work will commence on the timetable for September. I will update you on our progress during the summer term. As far as possible we will endeavour to give students their first preference in each column but please be aware that this may not always be possible.

The Academy achieved its best-ever results at KS4 last year and I am confident that these changes will build on this success and ensure your child continues to excel at The Dukeries Academy.

Yours sincerely



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