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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Options Information

As you may be aware, students in Year 9 finalise their Options for GCSE at the end of Year 9. Students have had a series of assemblies and tutor sessions focussed on the Options process, as well as the opportunity to discuss with our Careers Advisor Vicky Richards. Whilst it may seem very early to start the options process, this is important to support the Timetabling process for September 2023 that starts shortly.

There is also a booklet online that outlines all the courses we cover in years 10 and 11 and at the back of the booklet is an options form (see picture). Students will be given a hard copy of this booklet to bring home.

The assembly PowerPoints and booklet are available at:
Chantry Academy - Options Information - Year 9

Students will select ONE option from Block 1 and THREE from Block 2. Two of these choices should be to continue with the preferences they made in Year 8. If they wish to change this, they should speak to their subject teacher. We also encourage them to select reserves. We use reserve choices very rarely but occasionally have to in the event that a course hasn't sufficient applicants to run or a clash in timetabling makes a choice impossible. When this happens, it will always be discussed with the student in person and parents will be informed.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Chantry Academy - Options Form 2023'. It includes fields for 'Student Name' and 'Tutor group'. Below this, it states: 'All students will study courses in the core subjects of: English Language and English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Social Ethics and Physical Education.' The form is divided into three columns: 'CORE (Mandatory)', 'Option Block 1', and 'Option Block 2'. 'Option Block 1' is further divided into 'Select one and a reserve (B)' and 'Select 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice and a reserve (B)'. A note at the bottom states: 'All forms must be returned by 3:00pm Friday 10 February and handed in to Mr Moseley (Parent Reception). One to one meetings will then take place with some students to discuss options if needed.' There are also lines for signatures and dates for the student and parent/guardian, and a section for 'Office Use'.

If you have any questions at all about Year 9 options, please contact me
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The deadline for the Options forms will be **Friday 3 March 2023**.

Yours faithfully

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