

19 March 2021

Dear Year 9 Parents

It is time for your children to select the options they wish to go on to study at GCSE and potentially beyond. This letter outlines the process of selecting GCSE options over the next few weeks. Please take time to go through it with your child.

What can my child study at GCSE?

At Park, all students take the following subjects throughout Years 10 and 11. This gives them seven GCSE or equivalent qualifications:

- English Language and English Literature
- Maths
- Science and Additional Science
- RE GCSE and PE BTEC

Students can then select three option subjects, which means they will take a total of ten qualifications by the end of Year 11. The options process is about selecting the three subjects your child loves, feels passionate about and would like to study further.

Virtual Options Evening Film: Monday, 22 March

On Monday, 22 March, you will be sent a link to a presentation explaining the options process. This includes information about the subjects we offer. There will also be further links to short films about each option subject for you to explore further.

You will be sent an electronic options booklet, along with the film, which includes a breakdown of each course and its requirements.

Year 9 Virtual Parent Evening: Thursday, 25 March 3.15-5.45pm

Please use the parents' evening to discuss your child's progress in core subjects and also make appointments with teachers of option subjects if your child is thinking of selecting these. The five minute appointments will be a chance to discuss your child's current progress but, most importantly, learn more about the Key Stage 4 courses and expectations regarding these.

Please book your slots with subject teachers only using this link:

<https://parkc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>





Deadline for returning option choices: Monday, 29 March

Option choices should be submitted using the electronic form that will be sent with Monday's film. Students are asked to select five subjects, ordering them from 1 to 5 according to their first choice (1) to their least desired (5). We will do our best to ensure students get the options they select.

We hope this process will enable you and your children to make informed choices about the subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11. After watching the film and attending parents' evening, if you have further questions, please contact Ms Munoz, who oversees careers advice in school on e.munoz@pcs.hants.sch.uk or Mr Bourton, Assistant Headteacher b.bourton@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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