



Our Ref: ABr/YLi

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **Re: Year 9 Options Evening**

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are safe and well. You may be aware that we usually hold an Options Evening in the spring term, for Y9 students and their parent/carers to find out more about their subject choices for KS4. Due to the restrictions of our COVID risk assessment, we are clearly unable to hold the event in the usual way this year.

Instead, there will be a Y9 assembly on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to discuss the process with students, and their teachers will be talking them through what each course involves over the coming week. Then all Y9 students and their parent/carers will be invited to an individual meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss and select their GCSE options w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

There are some aspects of the curriculum that are compulsory and all students will complete:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science\*
- Citizenship and RE (this does not lead to a qualification but covers important life skills and careers information)
- Physical Education

\*Set 1 students will complete 3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. For all other students, they will complete 2 GCSEs in Combined Science. The science course identified for your son/daughter will be discussed in their individual appointment.

Please complete the form using this link <https://bit.ly/3caQftX> to indicate your availability for the individual meeting by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. These will be held in a socially distant manner, but if you prefer to have your meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams please indicate this on the form.

If you have questions regarding the above process or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [andrew.bridge@armthorpeacademy.org.uk](mailto:andrew.bridge@armthorpeacademy.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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