

8th March 2021

### Year 9 Options Choices 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 9 Student,

You should hopefully have already received the [Y10 Curriculum guide](#) which details all the courses on offer for our Year 9 students to choose from as they select their options subjects for next academic year. As previously explained, a whole range of further information is now available, to help you and your son or daughter with this decision-making process.

A video presentation can be now found here and on our website in two parts. [Part one](#) explains how the options process works, the difference between GCSE and Vocational qualifications and also gives more detail on the differences between GCSE Combined and Separate Sciences. [Part two](#) gives advice on how to help students make good choices and then explains the next steps with regards to how the Options Form should be completed and the importance of reserve choices.

Additionally, the document (attached and found on our website [here](#)) contains links to videos and presentations giving information about all of our Year 10 courses. There are also links to each subject's course specification and examples of resources to give you a flavour of what studying each subject might be like.

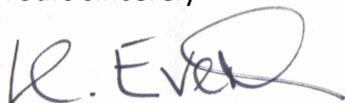
Throughout March, if students and parents/carers have any questions about options subjects these can be emailed to individual subject teachers or to the email address [options@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:options@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk). During lessons Year 9 teachers will also explain how the subjects they are currently studying form the foundation of courses in Year 10 and will give time for students to ask questions and see examples of students work.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March our Year 9 Parents Evening takes place. Meeting with subject teachers will allow you to find out how students are progressing in their Year 9 subjects but also be able to ask questions about the Year 10 subjects on offer.

Using all of this research and information students will then be asked to complete their options choice form. All options forms will need to be completed and either handed in to their mentor or emailed to [options@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:options@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk) by the **Options Deadline on Thursday 1st April 2021**.

Thank you for your continued support of our options process.

Yours sincerely



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