



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and coping with the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in. 2021 marks the start of an exciting new phase in your son/daughter's education, as he/she makes the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. To ensure that pupils make informed and considered choices about their programmes of study in Years 10 and 11, we will be working with Year 9 pupils and with you, throughout the coming months. It may not be possible to organise the normal range of activities, but I hope that what we have available to pupils, will support their decision-making. Please see below for further details of what will be in place over the coming weeks.

Thursday 28th January period 1

Careers' activity – "Linking school subjects to jobs"

Friday 29th January

Morning tutor session – extended tutor – initial discussions with tutors about the option process

Options' booklet 2021 and online options' form available

Monday 1st February

Audio presentation for Year 9 pupils, parents and carers available

Fortnight beginning Monday 1st February

GCSE taster sessions / information sessions / question and answer sessions, in all subjects including new subjects at Key Stage 4.

Monday 8th February

Data card and yearly written report issued

Thursday 11th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 26th February

Closing date for option applications

We believe pupils should have a free option choice. Therefore, it may not always be possible to allocate their first three choices, which is why we ask them to enter five option choices in the case of Combined Science and four option choices in the case of Separate Sciences. Pupils will be allocated two (Separate Science) or three (Combined Science), of the subjects entered. It is important that they enter their subject choices in order of preference.

At Range we pride ourselves on the personalised care and support we give to pupils. In order to ensure that each pupil is following the most suitable course of study leading to the greatest chance of success, we will be contacting some families to discuss the core programme and option choices, on an individual basis. It will also be possible to book an appointment on parents' evening with Ms Alexander (Associate SENCO) and Fiona Unwin (Careers Adviser from Mploy), to answer any questions you may have regarding the transition and future career choices.

All documentation linked to Year 9 Options will be available as detailed in the schedule above, on the school website. Click on KEY INFORMATION and YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2021. If you have any questions about the options' process itself, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Phillips (Assistant Head – Curriculum) on gp@range.sefton.sch.uk or Dr Ainsworth (Assistant Head 14-19 Education) on ca@range.sefton.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Yours sincerely



Mr McGarry

Headteacher