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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options

2022 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. Please see below the range of activities that will be in place over the coming weeks.

Week Beginning Monday 10th January

• 11/1/22 Year 9 Interim Card sent home via Parentmail

Week Beginning Monday 17th January

 19/1/22 Audio Presentation available on the school website under 'Key Information', 'Y9 Options 2022'

Week Beginning Monday 24th January

- First week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time)
- 26/1/22 Option Booklet and Application form available on the school website under 'Key Information', 'Y9 Options 2022'
- 27/1/22 Careers Session 4 Pupils will receive information relating to the options process

Week Beginning Monday 31st January

• Second week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time)

Week Beginning Monday 7th February

- 7/2/22 Careers Session 5 Pupils receive information relating to the options process
- 10/2/22 Year 9 Online Parents Evening

FEBRUARY HALF TERM Week Beginning Monday 21st February

• Year 9 Options Form deadline.

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 pathway) or three (Combined Science pathway), 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 our 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 be possible to book an appointment on Parents' Evening with Mrs Nolan (SENDCO) and Fiona Unwin (Careers

Advisor 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 2022. If you have any questions about the options' process itself, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Phillips, Assistant Headteacher Curriculum (<u>gp@range.sefton.sch.uk</u>) or Dr Ainsworth Assistant Headteacher 14-19 Education (<u>ca@range.sefton.sch.uk</u>).

We look forward to working with you over the coming months Yours Sincerely

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