



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options

2023 marks the start of an exciting new phase in your child's education, as they make 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 19th December 22

- Year 9 Interim Card sent home via Parentmail

Week Beginning Monday 9th January 23

- GCSE options assembly to all year 9 pupils

Week Beginning Monday 16th January 23

- First week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time)
- Wednesday 18/1/23 Year 9 options marketplace Information Evening for pupils and parents between 4.30pm and 6.00pm in school

Week Beginning Monday 23th January 23

- Second week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time)
- Option Booklet and Application form available on the school website under 'Key Information', 'Y9 Options 2023'
- Careers Session 4 for students (26/1/23) – Pupils will receive information relating to the options process

Week Beginning Monday 6th February 23

- Thursday 9/2/23 Year 9 Online Parents Evening

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Week Beginning Monday 20th February 23

- Year 9 (24/2/23) 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 (SENDSCO) and Holly Jones (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 2023. If you have any questions about the options process itself, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tees, Assistant Headteacher Curriculum (cjt@range.sefton.sch.uk) or Mrs Phillips, Deputy Headteacher 14-19 Education (gp@range.sefton.sch.uk).

We look forward to working with you over the coming months

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M. McGarry', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.

Mr M. McGarry

Headteacher