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Our Reference: MR/GHR

5th February 2021

Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers

Year 9 Guided Choices (KS4 Options)

As you are aware, the partial closure of school this term has had a significant impact on the school assessment and reporting calendar. As a result, the GCSE options process for Year 9 students (Guided Choices) has not been able to run as originally scheduled. I am writing to outline a revised timeline for Year 9.

Year 9 KS4 Guided Choices events

From Monday 22nd February 2021

Virtual assemblies will introduce students to the Guided Choices process and they will hear from Heads of Subject on their offer at KS4. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and the answers to frequently asked questions will be shared with students.

w/c Monday 8th March 2021

Parents will be sent a copy of the Guided Choices Information booklet which outlines the Guided Choices process and the subject offers available at Brookfield.

Wednesday 10th March 2021

There will be a **Year 9 Virtual Guided Choices Evening** introducing you to the Guided Choices process through a live online presentation at 5pm. There will be the opportunity to ask questions on the night, to view a recording of the presentation and to submit further questions about the process. We will also launch the presentations from subjects on the school website on this evening, allowing you to view these and hear about the different subject offers at Brookfield.

w/c Monday 15th March 2021

We will post home **student reports** with information on how your son/daughter is progressing in each of their subjects.



Thursday 18th March 2021

A Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening will act as a follow-up evening and will allow you and your son/daughter to speak with their subject teachers about their choices for next year. Given the national restrictions that remain in place, this evening will be conducted via web-based video calling software. It allows parents to choose their appointment times with teachers and then speak with them on the evening in their chosen time slot. We understand that this is very different from how parents' evenings usually work but when implemented with Year 11 parents in December 2020, it worked very well.

We will send out instructions and links for both online events in a separate letter to parents during w/c 1st March 2021 and there will be support for those not able access the systems. While we wait for confirmation over the timing of a full return to school, we hope that this timeline shows the measures we have in place to support your son/daughter at this important time in their school career. If you have any questions regarding this timeline, please contact me at school on <u>m.robinson@brookfieldcs.org.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

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