

6th January 2022

Re: Y9 Options 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Y9 Options Key Dates

- Wednesday 12th Jan. 2022: **Year 9 Options Launch to students in school**
- Wednesday 12th Jan. 2021 6.30-7.30pm: **Options Online Q&A Session for parents (Via Microsoft Teams): [Join live event](#)**
- Thursday 20th Jan. 2022: **Teacher Consultation Evening**
- 12 noon, Monday 31st Jan. : **Options Online Form Deadline**

Launch of GCSE Options Choices (12th January)

Careers Sessions

The options process for your son/daughter will begin on **Wednesday 12th January**. On this day students will receive a careers sessions during periods 1 to 3 which will help prepare them for making their options choices.

Website

This will also be the day that the options section of the website will be live for parents and students to access. The options section of the school website will be accessed through the following link once it is live.

<https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/options-information/>

Online Options System

This year we are using a new version of an options online package, a link will be found on the school website from Wednesday 12th January. On this day, students will also receive an email with their username and password to enable them to access this system. This email will be sent to their school email address.

Please note: We are planning that all Year 9 students will start their GCSE options after the May half term of Year 9, rather than in September of their Year 10. This will enable seven weeks of additional teaching for these groups.

Options Online Q&A Session (Via Microsoft Teams): 6.30-7.30pm

12th January 2022

To support you and your child with the process and to answer any **general questions** you may have about options, we will be holding a Live Online Q&A Session on the 12th January from 6.30-7.30pm.

[Join live event](#)

We ask that parents'/ students' cameras and microphones are **turned off** during the session. If you have a question could you please type it into the Meeting Chat, we will have members of staff monitoring this to ensure all the questions are answered.

Teacher/Parent Consultation Evening 20th Jan.

On **Thursday 20th January** from 4.00pm – 7pm, there will be a virtual Subject Consultation Evening for Year 9 students. Parents will be able to book an online meeting with teachers to discuss progress, set targets for the coming months and to ask any relevant questions about options. Please note:

1. Only one appointment can be made for Physics. That teacher will have all information regarding all three sciences; Physics, Chemistry and Biology. This enables Science staff to meet with more parents.
2. For PE we have not allocated timetabled PE teachers but have allocated teachers who can specifically discuss the available PE options with parents. You should, therefore make suitable appointments as follows: For enquiries regarding PE GCSE please make an appointment with Mr Ellis, for NCFE Health and Fitness please see Mrs Pemberton
3. There are not enough time slots for every teacher to meet with the parents of all of their students. Therefore, where a teacher's appointment sheet becomes full, please can parents add their request to the waiting list.
4. Mrs Taylor (Deputy Head) and Mrs Lock (Head of Year 9) will also be available if parents have an urgent issue they need to raise with them. Please email gaylemilsom@fernup.dorset.sch.uk to make a convenient appointment.

Please see the Parent Booking Guide attached which explains how you can make appointments for the evening and use the link below to make your appointments. Bookings will be open from Wednesday 12th January at 6.00pm until midday on Wednesday 19th January by using the link below.

<https://ferndownnpperschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

If any Parent/Guardian has a problem using the online booking system, you can email Mrs Milsom, our Curriculum Manager on gaylemilsom@fernup.dorset.sch.uk and she can make the appointments for you. We sincerely hope that you will take these opportunities to become informed about options and to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress and targets.

Yours faithfully

Sonia Chater
Deputy Head Teacher