



The Henry Box School

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Dear Families of Year 9 students

OPTION CHOICES

This is a very important time in your child's education. Year 9 students will have the opportunity to choose some of the courses they will study in Years 10 and 11. Families have an essential part to play in the Year 9 options choices process. In particular, we ask you to help your son/daughter by discussing the process with them and helping them to make good choices that will give them a good platform from which to move onto the next stage of their education, training or employment with training.

On 26th February 2020, Year 9 students attended an assembly which focused on option choices. Students will be supported during the options process by their tutors.

Option Choices Booklet

The option choices booklet will be published on the school website on **2nd March 2020**. Paper copies will be available in visitor reception or upon request.

Options Information Evening - Thursday 12th March 2020

To assist you and your child in making important course choices, you are invited to attend an Option Choices Information Evening on Thursday 12th March 2020, along with your child. There will be a presentation about the option choices process in the school hall and an opportunity to hear more about the various course choices from subject staff, who will be based in the Foreshew building. We very much hope that you will be able to attend this event. The **first presentation** in the school hall will start at **6pm** for students in **Churchill and Newton Houses** and their families. The **second presentation** will start at **6.45pm** for students in **Nightingale and Redgrave Houses** and their families. Subject staff will be available in the Foreshew building from 6pm to 7.30pm.

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Option Choices Form

The option choices form attached to this letter outlines the subjects available to students for their option choices. I would be grateful if you would discuss the choices carefully with your child and complete the table overleaf to specify your child's preferences for optional courses from September 2020. We aim to provide your child's 4 most preferred subjects to take as optional courses next year. Unfortunately, as we are unable to guarantee this we therefore ask that **6 choices are selected in order of priority** (ie 1 being the highest priority, 2 the second etc.). You are kindly asked to return the choices form via your child's form tutor no later than **Monday 23rd March 2020**. Please note that if option choices forms arrive after the deadline, or are incomplete, the students concerned will be placed at the bottom of the list if a course is oversubscribed.

The most popular courses chosen by students will form the basis for the final curriculum offer. Due to budgetary constraints, we can only run courses if group sizes are viable. The school reserves the right to adjust course selection following discussion with students and families where the school deems more appropriate courses for the student are available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Year 9 Option Choices Information Evening on 12th March 2020.

Yours sincerely

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School Leader with responsibility for the Year 9 option choices process

OPTION CHOICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Subject/Course	Preference Priority (1-6)	Subject/Course	Preference Priority (1-6)
GCSE Art & Design <u>OR</u> GCSE Art & Design: Textiles - Fashion and Costume Design <i>Delete as appropriate</i>		GCSE Design & Technology <u>OR</u> GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition <i>Delete as appropriate</i>	
GCSE Business Studies		GCSE German	
GCSE Computer Science		GCSE History	
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care		GCSE Media Studies	
GCSE Dance		GCSE Music	
GCSE Drama		GCSE Religious Studies	
GCSE French		PE GCSE / BTEC Sport	
GCSE Geography		Separate Science (GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics)	

***Please ensure that this form is returned to your child's Form Tutor by Monday
23rd March 2020***

Name of Student: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Internal Use Only

Choices checked: Y/N

Further action required: Y / N

Form Tutor Signature: _____ Date received _____