

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 students

### Year 9 Options Process

The next few months are an important time for our Year 9 students. They are making the transition into Key Stage 4 and need to start to consider the choice of pathways they may take in the future. The process of choosing courses of study for the final two years of school is a vitally important one. It is a time when the partnership between school, parent and student becomes even more significant.

This year, due to the circumstances surrounding Covid, it is regrettable that we have had to move to a virtual Options Evening rather than a face to face event. We will also be holding key events to help your child through the Year 9 Options process. These are detailed below.

#### Key Dates

20.01.22	<p><b>Year 9 Options Assembly &amp; Options Booklet</b></p> <p>During the assembly students will be guided through the options process and be given advice on what factors to consider when making their choices. The options booklet will be sent to students electronically. This booklet provides a detailed explanation on the options process, the Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and detailed information on each of the option subjects. To supplement the information in this booklet curriculum areas have also produced a short presentation to give students a flavour of their subject. These presentations can be found in the student area of the College website.</p>
25.01.22	<p><b>Virtual Options Evening</b></p> <p><b>4.30pm &amp; 5.30pm: Presentation by Sara Jacobs, Deputy Principal</b> This presentation will focus on providing an overview of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum and will include guidance on the options process and factors students should consider when making their choices.</p> <p><b>4.30pm -7.00pm</b> An opportunity to join a Subject Teams meeting to ask any final questions. Timings when subject staff will be available to answer questions will be posted on the College website.</p>

28.01.22	<b>Options Fair</b>  The Options Fair takes place during period 1. It provides an opportunity for Year 9 students to discuss option subjects with Year 10 and 11 students currently studying each subject.
31.01.22 – 11.02.22	<b>Pupil Interviews</b>  This time has been allocated for additional support to be provided for students who are finding it difficult to make their choices. Interviews will be with either the Tutor, the SENCO or a member of the College's Senior Leadership Team.
14.02.22	<b>Deadline for option choices</b>  Students submit their choices by 9.00am on Monday 14 February 2022.

Resources and information linked to Year 9 options will be available for students and parents via the students' section on the College website: [Year 9 Options – CVCC \(clystvale.org\)](http://clystvale.org)

More information will be sent to you in the coming weeks regarding the Options Evening. Due to the fact that students will be selecting their Options choices via the SIMS Parent App, I would be grateful if you could check that you have access to this at home. If you do not, please contact your child's ATHOS for help and advice

In the meantime if you have any general questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Sara Jacobs**  
**Deputy Principal**