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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. Ideally, we would have liked to invite you into school to explain the Year 8 options process in person, however, unfortunately, due to the current school closure, we are unable to do this. Similarly, we would have liked to send out paper copies of the options booklet but we felt that an email can convey the same information without the risks associated with many people handling the same physical booklet.

We have developed the Year 9 curriculum at Lealands High School to take effect from September 2020.

We wish to provide our students with the most broad and balanced curriculum possible, whilst also offering them some choice of subjects in which they wish to begin building skills and knowledge toward key stage 4 success.

To achieve this; all pupils will study our core Year 9 curriculum which satisfies the requirements of the National Curriculum and enables students to gain a deep knowledge of a broad range of subjects. At the end of Year 9, students will be given further options to select the subjects they would like to continue studying for their GCSEs.

We would anticipate that most students will continue with their Year 9 option choices into Year 10 and take GCSEs in these subjects alongside other choices that they will make during Year 9 to start in Year 10.

It is hoped that this balance between the core curriculum which is prescribed and some choices to extend their learning and experience will enhance the experience of our Year 9 students.

For a small number of students we will be providing additional literacy and/or numeracy lessons instead of the option choices. These students will be identified and parents contacted separately.

Core curriculum	Option subjects
All students will study all of these subjects.	Students are given two options at the end of year 8 which allow them to select subjects that they wish to study in more detail during Year 9 giving them the opportunity to extend their learning and acquire skills which will benefit them in their future GCSEs.
English	Music
Mathematics	Dance
Science	Art (more extensive work and significantly more time in addition to core art)
Geography	Physical Education (more extensive; including theory, and more time in addition to core PE)
History	Drama
Language – either French or Spanish	Graphics
Citrs – our combined citizenship, PSHE and religious education scheme of learning	Resistant Materials
Physical education	Language (A second choice of either French or Spanish)
Art	<u>NB some students will be studying additional numeracy and/or literacy in place of these options based on past achievement.</u>
Music	-

Actions:-

1. Read the attached options booklet thoroughly.
2. Consider which options are best for future success.
3. Complete the Google Options Form document which the student will receive .

Whilst we will do all we can to facilitate students' option choices, please be aware that this will be dependent on student numbers and staffing.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Mr Edwards at or Miss Keefe via the MyEd app or admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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