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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 situation, 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 2021. GCSE learning begins in Year 10 at Lealands High School. We wish to provide our Year 9 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.

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
<i>All students will study all of these subjects.</i>	<i>Students are given two options which allow them to select subjects that they wish to study</i>
English	Music
Mathematics	Dance
Science	Art
Geography	Physical Education
History	Drama
Language – either French or Spanish	Graphics
Religion and Society	Resistant Materials
Physical education	Language (A second choice of either French or Spanish)
Art	NB some students will be studying additional numeracy and/or literacy in place of these options based on past achievement.
Music	

We have developed a Year 8 options page on our school website which we urge you to visit. This will give you:-

- More information about each of the option subjects.
- Videos from lead teachers in each area that will give you a clear understanding of courses to aid selection.
- General information about the year 8 options process.

Actions:-

1. Visit the year 8 options website.
2. Watch videos from Mr Edwards and Mr Dummett.
3. Consider which subject options are best for future success.
4. The student will receive a google form to complete on the 1st March. Complete this and submit to by the 8th of March.

Please visit this website to view our options information: <https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/y8options>

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 or Mr Dummett via the MyEd app or admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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