

Year 9 Option choices for September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note that this letter includes a great deal of general information and dates related to the Year 9 option choices. Please make a note of the following important dates:

Year 9 Options Information Evening, 7.00-8.30 pm Tuesday 15th January 2019

Year 9 Parents Evening, Wednesday 30th January 2019

Year 9 have a very important year ahead, one of the decisions they need to make this year is the option choices they will be following in year 10 and 11 here at Torpoint Community College. Below are some important dates for your diary for the option choice process.

On **Monday 12th November 2018**, all year 9 students attended an assembly, where they were introduced to the option choice programme. This was to initiate their thinking about the choices they can make for year 10 and begin the option choice process. An "Expression of Interest Option Form" was circulated to survey the possible options that students will select. Please note that this was simply a survey at this point to investigate the general student interest in subjects.

The Year 9 Options Booklet will be published during the week beginning **Monday 17th December 2018** and will also be available on the College website after this date. We hope that you and your daughter/son will find it helpful in discussing their options before they make their **final option decision in January 2019**. The booklet will contain detailed information on the range of courses available in Year 10 and 11 and pathways into our Sixth Form. Our aim is to provide a curriculum which offers students of different abilities and aspirations a broad, balanced, challenging and relevant educational experience. The optional subjects will be arranged to provide the maximum choice and balance.

On **Tuesday 15th January 2019** there will be the Options Information Evening from 7.00 to 8.30 for year 9 students and parents/carers in the College hall. At this evening the option process will be explained, current educational changes explained and there will be an opportunity to talk to curriculum leaders of learning and teachers about their subject choices.

The final deadline for the all option choices to be submitted to Dr Plumb is **Friday 1st February 2019**. This is after the Year 9 parents evening on **Wednesday 30th January 2019** providing the opportunity for students and parents/carers to discuss student progress in all subjects including those selected as option choices with their subject teachers.

I look forward to seeing you at the Option Information evening in January.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher