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Re: Y9 GCSE Options information evening now virtual

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the slight changes we have made to the Y9 GCSE Options information evening for parents. **The information evening will no longer be held onsite as originally planned for Wednesday 12th January 2022.** We have decided to offer you the event virtually via a video recording of the step-by-step GCSE Options process. We believe this will be hugely beneficial as you will be able to access the event and watch via a link at a time convenient for you and your child.

I have also added an overview of the Year 9 options process to the third page of this letter.

The video recording of the event will be sent to you on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

As put in my original letter to you, we will still be uploading the GCSE information booklet onto the school website on 28/1/22. This can be found in the Curriculum/Y9 options page. We will also email all parents and carers the link to this when it is launched.

A reminder that students will choose their options via our electronic form during the school day from 14/3/22 to 29/4/22. We will then write to all parents with the final outcome by 13/5/22.

If you have any further enquiries about the online event, please feel free to contact Ms Briggs: nbriggs@arkacton.org.

With best wishes

Oliver Knight
Principal



The GCSE programmes of study for 2022/23 will be as follows:

1. Every pupil will take GCSEs in the following subjects:
 - a. English Literature
 - b. English Language
 - c. Maths
 - d. Double Science or Triple Science (Depending on set)
 - e. RS
 - f. History and/or Geography

2. Pupils will then be in two broad categories:
 - a) Students who will study French as part of the Ebacc suite of qualifications and make one additional subject choice. (This will represent 75% of the year group.)
 - b) Students who will not study French and make two additional subject choices.

3. The following list of subjects are currently offered as choices:
 - a. Music
 - b. Art
 - c. GCSE PE or BTEC Sport
 - d. Sociology
 - e. Business

This will provide every student with 9 strong GCSE grades at the end of Year 11.



Overview of the process for Year 9 GCSE options

