

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 is the time for all students to choose the subjects that they will study during the next two years. Some of these decisions can affect their chosen career pathway not just after leaving school but also in later life. Choosing the right options now will enable students to reach their full potential and achieve the grades of which they are capable.

At City Academy we are committed to raising achievement and ensuring excellence for our students. We offer a broad and challenging curriculum that seeks to develop the key skills, knowledge and understanding that will allow our students to be inquisitive, informed and prepared for life beyond school. To provide the guidance that is required to allow students to make the correct choices we have put together a package for students and families to gain subject specific information:

a) Introductory Assembly

This week, Year 9 will have an assembly in school setting the scene for students, detailing what the options process means for them and encouraging them to think about their preferred subjects. An overview of the subjects formed part of the assembly.

b) Heads of Subject presentations

Subject Leaders have created presentations which will help students with their decisions. Subject leaders and class teachers can offer direct and continued support with decisions.

c) Options Booklet

Alongside assemblies, Opportunity Day and presentations from curriculum staff, students have received an Options Booklet which contains information about each of the qualifications on offer in Years 10 and 11 which will answer many questions you may have as parents/carers and allow you to support your child(ren) to make informed decisions. The Options Booklet and subject presentations will be available under the Curriculum tab on our website to explore as a family.

d) Guidance meetings and final choices

There will be an opportunity for families to meet with key members of staff regarding their decision and to offer bespoke support (Thursday 22nd February). Final subject choices will be confirmed with students and their families after the Easter holidays.

Should you have any queries please contact the school or via email to Mr Yeomans – Head of Year 9 ayeomans@corecity.academy or myself pmills@corecity.academy.

Thank you for your continued support.



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