



## WITH THE POWER TO ACT

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Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

### OPTIONS

We wrote to you earlier in the year with an outline of events to support the Options process and would like to highlight some changes that we have made due to pupils working remotely. We have moved the Year 9 Taster day to Tuesday 9 March which coincides with the Year 9 Options evening. The taster session will hopefully be delivered in face-to-face sessions when pupils are back in school. However, please be reassured that we will be able to deliver this just as successfully virtually should pupils be still working from home. I will send out more details closer to the date about the Taster Day and Options Evening.

It is important that pupils are starting to think about which options they are considering taking in Year 10 and so we have put together a “mini” options programme to give them as much information as possible to help support their decisions.

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| Week beginning                |  |
| 1 February<br>(over 2 weeks)  | <b>Careers live guidance lesson - Making the Right Choice</b><br>Live Guidance lesson – all pupils have one Guidance lesson per fortnight on their timetable. Pupils access the lesson using the Guidance Google Classroom.  |
| Monday 1 February             | <b>Year 9 Options Google Classroom-</b> the classroom code will be emailed out to all pupils All subjects will be sharing information and resources in subject-specific folders  |
| Monday 8 February             | <b>Year 9 Options Spotlight Week</b><br>Two live assemblies a day focusing on specific subjects-<br>Ebacc (Humanities and MFL)<br>STEM (Science and DT)<br>Creative Arts (Art, Music, Drama)<br>Social Sciences and Health (Business, Early Years Child Development)<br>PE and Sport<br>I Media (Media, Film, IT, Computing) |
| Friday 12 February            | <b>Year 9 Options book and Year 9 Pupil Choices booklets</b> sent home and made available on the website   |
| 22 February<br>(over 2 weeks) | <b>Careers live guidance lesson-</b> My Skills and Interests<br>Pupils are to use the Choices booklet during this lesson   |

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| 8 March<br>(over 2 weeks) | <b>Careers live guidance lesson-</b> Career Planning<br>Pupils are to use the Choices booklet during this lesson  |
| Tuesday 9 March           | <b>Year 9 Taster Day</b> - pupils can choose a number of subjects to experience   |
| Tuesday 9 March           | <b>Year 9 Options Evening</b> - there will be an opportunity to speak to subject specialist teachers about specific courses<br>More information will follow about how we will deliver this. |
| Friday 20 March           | <b>Deadline for the return of Options forms</b>   |

Mrs Cleary, our impartial Careers Adviser, is available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week during breaks and lunchtimes or after school until 4.00 pm to give advice if it is needed. You can arrange a time to speak to Mrs Cleary by emailing her at [clearya@christtheking-school.com](mailto:clearya@christtheking-school.com)

If you have any questions about the Options process, please contact us using the email address [options@christtheking-school.com](mailto:options@christtheking-school.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe.

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