Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following Parents’ Evening and the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress across the curriculum, your child will now start choosing their options for Key Stage 4. Your child will be supported throughout this process in a number of different ways which include an Assembly focused on curriculum choices and choosing subjects; an Options booklet to be brought home to discuss with Parents; Form-time Options focused sessions, as well as conversations with Subject Teachers and, a specific focused Options Evening, dedicated to helping you and your child make the best choices based on their interests, skills and talents, as well as future career choices.

Throughout the school day on **Thursday 20th March**, your child will participate in an **Options Taster Day** which enables them to experience all option choices during 20-minute Subject Lesson Experience sessions. This will enable Students to experience each subject and ask any questions to ensure they are able to make an informed decision about which three options they wish to study.

In order for you to have the opportunity to speak to the different Subject Leaders about option choices for your child, we will be holding an **Options Evening on Thursday 20th March 2025 from 6pm until 8pm**. From 6.15, there will be a talk to outline the options process. Following this, you will have the opportunity to discuss which subjects would be appropriate choices and also to explore the possibility of taking on a new subject that your child may not have studied before. It is, therefore, vitally important that you attend this evening with your child so that you can support them in making the right choices for their future.

The **deadline for your child to return their choices is Friday 28th March 2025**. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Fitton in the first instance (gfitton@sph.srscmat.co.uk), followed by myself ([kcox@sph.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:kcox@sph.srscmat.co.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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