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Dear Parent/Carer,

This term we will be asking all of our Year 9 students to decide which options courses they would like to study in Year 10 and Year 11. Whilst much of the curriculum is fixed, we will be asking students to select four additional option courses which may have a bearing on Post-16 choices and beyond.

To help students make an informed decision, I would like to invite you and your child to our Options Evening on Thursday 13 February 2020 at Northallerton School and Sixth Form. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with an introduction and presentation from myself on the options available and the process for making the choices. You will then have the opportunity to visit the subject rooms where teachers of each option subject will be on hand to discuss their course with you and offer practical advice about what to expect. The evening will officially end at 8:30pm but you will be free to leave as and when you feel that you have the information you and your child needs.

Following the options evening, students will be asked to make an initial choice based upon a list of courses available. This information will be used to create a series of option blocks which will be designed to allow as many students their first choice options as possible. The process will be explained in detail at the Options Evening and the initial choice form and a detailed course guide will be handed out to students.

The Options Evening will clearly be an important event in your child's education and we would ask that you attend with your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to the choices to be made or the options process itself. Subject teachers and faculty leaders will be happy to advise you at the Options Evening if you have a subject-specific question. Teachers will also take some time in school to explain GCSE requirements in their subjects and will answer any questions from students.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Wilkinson
Deputy Head