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17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 9 Options, 2020

Thank you for your support with the Options process thus far; our students have been overwhelmingly positive about taking their Options and conversations about choices are well underway.

There have been a few recent queries regarding the timeframe and format for Options in the context of our challenging current affairs. As you will be aware from Mr Mansell's contact last week, the school is operating on a 'core business' basis which includes the Options process. From speaking to a number of students, we feel that the majority have ultimately made the decision regarding which subjects to choose next year. There will be some though that are still undecided. In order to ensure we have the information required to prepare next year's timetable, we are unable to delay the deadline for the return of options forms (by 31st March at the latest). That said, we appreciate that Parents' Evening is sometimes used to ask key questions.

As we have postponed Parents' Evening, please encourage your child to speak to their subject teachers and course leaders as outlined in the Options booklet wherever this is possible if they have any queries. If you have any specific questions as parents and carers, please direct them to me in the first instance. I will then ensure that the most appropriate person can respond to your questions as soon as possible. My email address is tlj@boswells-school.com and I will be more than happy to support you in resolving any queries you may have. We are committed to ensuring that students' Options are processed in a timely manner to build a working timetable for September 2020 and be able to confirm Options in the summer term.

In the event of school closure and the need arises for an extension to the Options deadline, I will be in contact with you.

Thank you for your continued support at this important time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T-L Jones
Deputy Headteacher (Teaching, Learning & Progress)