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Dear Parent / Carer,

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS

It is now time for your child to finalise their Option subjects for their KS4 GCSE and Vocational courses. For most students this will require them to choose one subject that they wish to drop from their current timetable.

On Wednesday 22nd February, students will be having an Options Assembly outlining the process and considerations when making this decision. Following this assembly, students will be able to find the PowerPoint and options booklet on the website, alongside other materials designed to help. These materials will be shared with students and parents via SatchelOne on Wednesday.

Please be aware that there are three subjects that are available in Year 10 that were not available in Year 9. These are Economics, Business and Health and Social Care. If your child wishes to take either of these options, they will need to drop two of their current options. This decision should not be taken lightly, and your child must be sure that any new subject is going to be more beneficial to them than maintaining the knowledge already gained in their current choices. Students will be introduced to the new subjects as part of the options assembly.

Please also be aware that we have made changes to the way in which we are offering Science to enable more students to access the three separate science qualifications of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Separate sciences will no longer make up an option choice. Instead, all students will study Combined Science through Year 10. At the end of Year 10, the science teachers will decide which students are able to take on the additional demands of the separate sciences in Year 11. In this way, students capable of separate sciences will have the full choice of four option subjects as well as separate sciences and students who show capability and progress through Year 10 will be able to take separate science as Year 11 begins.

On Wednesday 22nd February, your child will receive instructions about how to finalise their option choices that they would like to study via an assignment set on SatchelOne. Should your child have any difficulty completing this task, they should request help from their tutor, in the first instance. All applications for options should be made online by Wednesday 1st March.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or emailing contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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