



27 January 2025

Dear Families

KS4 Options

This term year 9 will be making some important decisions about the subjects they will study in years 10 and 11. They will need to work closely with you and their teachers in order to make sensible subject choices for their KS4 courses, which start in September 2025 when they begin year 10.

We have planned a thorough options programme that will support students through this important process. This is outlined below:

- **Thursday 30 January 2025 – Year 9 Consultation Evening** to have individual meetings with teaching staff to discuss progress and attainment.
- **Wednesday 12 February 2025 – KS4 Options Assembly** to kick-start and outline the options process with students (**including Science, MFL, History/Geography**)
- **Wednesday 26 February 2025 – New Courses Assemblies (Travel and Tourism, Business Studies, Film, Sociology and Health and Social Care)** to provide students with information about new courses.
- **Thursday 6 March 2025 – KS4 Options Evening** following a presentation from Mr Collett and Mr Beaver outlining the options process, students and parents can get further information on the subjects offered directly from curriculum leaders.
- **Monday 24 February – Friday 7 March 2025 – KS4 Options Tutor Sessions** exploring the options process and career pathways.
- **Friday 21 March 2025 – Options Deadline** for online forms to be completed.

Our online KS4 prospectus outlines the courses that are available at KS4 and can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://ks4options.sackvilleschool.org.uk/>

Each entry gives you a brief summary of the course and why students might consider studying it. It also has links to exam specifications if they require further details.

In making option choices, students should consider choosing the subjects that they are expected to have the most success in over the next two years. It is much easier to do well in subjects that they enjoy. It is important that they do not make decisions based on the staff teaching each subject, or what their peers are doing. There is no guarantee that these teachers will be teaching their class next year or that they will be in the same class as their friends. **Please note, the online options form will be communicated and go live on Friday 7 March 2025.** Please note, it is not first come, first served, providing the deadline of Friday 21 March is met.

Decisions may have to be made about whether certain subjects continue to be offered if only a small number of students opt for them. Additionally, each year some students do not get all of their preferred

choices; we will speak with students and parents if any of the preferred options are not possible or suitable.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening on **Thursday 6 March 2025 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Collett
Assistant Head



Mr J Beaver
Holmes Community Leader / Year 9 Coordinator