



THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM
LEYBURN

19 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS PROCESS

Please find enclosed with this letter the 2021-2023 Key Stage 4 Course Guide.

This booklet sets out the mandatory and optional elements of the curriculum that your child will follow in Key Stage 4 from September 2021. You will see from the booklet that your child has some choices to make about the GCSE course subjects they wish to follow. Some students may already know the subjects they wish to study, having a clear vision of their ultimate career aspirations, but for other students, the options process can be daunting. We will guide you and your child through the process from beginning to end and will be available for 1:1 video calls to offer career and general guidance for anyone who would like it.

The first date for your calendar is Thursday 28 January 2021 at 4.00 pm, when we will be holding a virtual Options Evening, including a one-minute whistle-stop tour of each subject from our subject specialists. Should you be unable to attend this event, the Year 9 pastoral team will be in touch shortly afterwards, to share the recorded meeting with you.

On 4 February 2021, a virtual Q&A session will take place with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) at 4.00 pm. Please note this is a small amendment to the timeline on page 8 of the booklet. This session will now be led by SLT rather than subject teachers. If, at this point, further guidance is required, we will arrange 1:1 virtual conversations on request to charles.barnett@wensleydaleschool.net.

Please note that the options forms referenced on page 8 of the booklet will now be electronic. On the dates specified in the booklet, we will issue a Google Form to gather the information we need from you. If you have recently changed your email address, please ensure you have notified us accordingly. In the event that you do not see an email from school on 8 February, 26 February and 1 March 2021, please check your spam folder and if you still can't see our message, please contact us immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns about the options process, please email Mr Barnett at charles.barnett@wensleydaleschool.net.

Yours sincerely

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