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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Options Booklet

Please find below a link to the Year 9 Options booklet. A paper copy will also be available at the upcoming Options evening.

[Options Booklet](#)

Students who embark upon their GCSE courses at the beginning of Year 10 often do so with a mixture of exhilaration and trepidation. They may be concerned about what lies ahead of them in terms of their studies and their ability to cope with the demands that will be made on them. Choosing options carefully goes a long way to ensuring success in Years 10 and 11.

The booklet forms just one part of the information giving process for Options. We believe that it is vital that students and parents/carers are acquainted with the courses that they will be studying. We encourage you and your child to access the link to the booklet prior to Options evening which will take place on **Thursday 1st February 2024 4:30pm - 7:30 pm.**

Our Option Evening will enable you and your child to discuss the options and their choices with Miss Crepin, our subject leaders and Senior leaders. The evening will be an opportunity for you to ask questions to subject leads, as well as meeting teachers who will be teaching your child next year. Current Year 10 and Year 11 students who have previously made these choices will be also there to offer guidance and answer questions.

Further to this, Year 9 students have been working on Unifrog in their form groups and have been asked to access the platform to develop their understanding of their career path.

Options should be chosen on the Option form. The Options form must be signed by the student, parent/carers and the student's form tutor. This form must be returned to the form tutor no later than **Friday 16th February.**

If you wish to attend our Option Evening, please complete the form via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/EbCaB1bGpPM2s2cr8>

We certainly hope that by familiarising parents with these courses you will be able to help maximise your child's potential.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H. Huchet

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Year 9 Options Form 2024

In the currently changing landscape of education and employer expectations across the UK, students are expected to study a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4. This will ensure they are in the best place to progress to 16+ courses, university if desired and the world of work. We are determined all our students are in such a place at the end of their studies at Huxlow Academy. To meet these expectations your child should consider carefully before selecting from the options below.

Unless advised otherwise, all students will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science and French at GCSE or equivalent level. Students must also choose 5 options from the subjects below. If your child is interested in an Art course, they need to opt for **either** Graphic Communication or Photography or Art. All student's choices will be discussed by our Options team. Where concerns are raised regarding the appropriateness of choices made, students and parents/carers may be contacted to advise and discuss them further.

We will endeavour to meet all the combinations students select but may have to ask students to reselect where timetabling, staffing and numbers are unable to accommodate their preferred choice. We may not be able to run a course where insufficient numbers choose to take it. In the summer term we will inform you by letter of the three option subjects that have been finalised for the timetable in Year 10.

This form needs to be signed and returned to your child's form tutor by **Friday 16th February**. Please sign below to confirm students, parents/carers and form tutors have discussed these choices:

Student: _____

Parent/Carer: _____

Tutor: _____

Date: _____

Student Name:	
Option Subjects	Choice: Rank 1-3 (You must choose 3) <i><u>Rank in order</u></i>
Art, Craft & Design	
BTEC Health & Social Care	
BTEC Hospitality & Catering	
BTEC Sport Studies	
Business Studies	
Computer Science	
Dance	
Design & Technology (Timbers)	
Drama	
Geography	
Graphic Communication	
History	
Music	
Photography	
Sociology	
Statistics	

All students must write a 4th and 5th reserve choice in the spaces below:

Reserve Subject 1.

Reserve Subject 2.
