

3rd February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Options

I am writing to inform you that your child is about to commence an exciting journey in selecting the options that they wish to take in Year 10. These choices will also support their future next steps when applying for sixth form, college or apprenticeships. We are proud to be able to offer such a wide range of GCSE and vocational subjects for students to choose from.

At Royds Hall, all students will study our compulsory curriculum of: English Language; English Literature; Mathematics; Science (Dual Award); CORE PE (as part of promoting a healthy and active lifestyle) and ERIC (Ethics, Religion, Ideas and Citizenship). They then have the choice of 4 additional subjects. In order to help select these, students will take part in an **Options Taster Week**, week commencing 28th February. The aim of this week is to provide an opportunity to gain valuable information about the different option courses offered. We hope this will then help students make an informed decision about the subjects they may choose, particularly those they have not studied at KS3.

In addition to this, we are holding an **Options Information Evening** on Thursday 3rd March 5-7pm to give parents more information about the courses and process, and ask any questions. We encourage all parents and students to attend to help support their child in making an informed choice with regard to their options.

Furthermore, I have also attached the **Options Booklet**, which contains key information on every subject that we offer, such as:

- An overview of the subject
- The qualification(s) awarded
- The curriculum that will be studied
- How the course will be assessed – coursework/exam elements

It is vital that you spend the time to go through this with your child before attending the Option Information Evening. This is so you can ask additional questions on your child's potential choices. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that your child will receive a variety of assemblies which details the option process itself. Students have been informed that they should carefully think about the following when selecting their options:

- Subjects they enjoy and succeed in.
- How subjects they choose might link to their future aspirations, career or further education.
- Ensure they speak to teachers to help understand courses/qualifications.
- To consider how each course is assessed and ensure that they can meet the assessment demands of that subject.

Students have also been informed that they should not choose subjects based on:

- The choices their friends have made
- The class teacher (teachers change each year and there is no guarantee that member of staff will teach that class.



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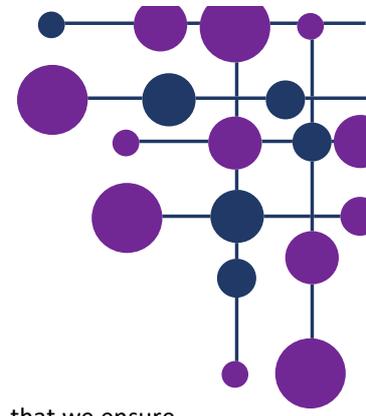
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At Royds, we pride ourselves on ***'valuing people, supporting personal best'***. It is crucial to us, therefore, that we ensure that all students choose subjects that will allow them to thrive, enjoy and succeed. We will support every student in the choices they make, and ask that students and parents work with the school to ensure that appropriate choices are made.

I look forward to seeing on 3rd March.

Kind regards,

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(Deputy Head teacher)