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Dear Parent/Carer

In January each year we commence the year 9 option process through form time, lessons, and culminating in an options launch, where students select some of their subjects to study in years 10 and 11. This year Options Evening is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 7pm – 8.30pm.

Key sources of information that are available for this are listed below:

- If a subject is studied in year 9 and is also available at Key Stage 4 the course content is being discussed as part of year 9 lessons.
- If a subject is not studied at year 9, but is available at Key Stage 4, the course content is being shared via assemblies.
- We have the upcoming year 9 parents evening, where staff may discuss Key Stage 4 as part of the conversation.
- Detailed information for all subject areas, as well as the options process is provided in an Options Booklet for students and parents /carers to read through and discuss. This is in electronic form on the school website.
- During the Options Evening presentation I outline the rationale behind our curriculum offer, the options process, as well as timescales for the rest of this academic year. All subject areas will also have information stands to allow students to find out more and ask questions.

Once students and their families have reviewed all of this information, then the paper copy of this year's options form should be completed and returned to Reception at school. The deadline for handing forms in is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Although it is not a first come first served system, it is important that forms are submitted by this date so that timetabling and grouping can be allocated.

You will have received this letter in electronic form with a link to the school website area which is <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Curriculum/Year-9-Options-Information/>. If, after reviewing the booklet and after options evening, your year 9 student needs further support and guidance please email me directly at [lgilmour@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:lgilmour@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



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