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Dear Parent/ Carer,

### Re. Year 9 Options Process 2022

At Iceni Academy, we pride ourselves on the broad and balanced curriculum we offer to our students. As your child approaches Year 10, it is time for them to begin to influence their educational pathway by selecting their GCSE options subjects. They will study these subjects in Years 10 and 11, sitting their exams in Summer 2024.

All students will follow our core offer:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science (worth two GCSEs)
- PE (non-examined)

In addition to this, your child is able to select four option subjects that they would like to continue to study to GCSE level:

Block A (choose one)	Block B (choose one)	Block C (choose one)	Block D (choose one)
History	French	Computer Science	Art
Geography	German	Design Technology	Digital iMedia (ICT)
	Build Up*	Food Prep & Nutrition	Drama
		Geography**	History**
		Religious Studies	Sports Science (PE)
		Triple Science	Triple Science

*\*Build Up is an alternative pathway offered to those students who would benefit from additional support particularly in English and mathematics. If your child is interested in this course, they will need to discuss and agree this with Miss Staniforth.*

*\*\* the same subject cannot be chosen in both Block A and Block C/D. This option is for students who would like to study two humanities subjects.*

In Blocks C and D, your child will be asked to select a first choice subject and a reserve choice. We will always endeavour to give your child their first choice option, but sometimes this is not possible. Some of these subjects may not run depending on uptake from the students, so it is important that your child is happy with all the selections they make.

We appreciate that this is both an exciting and slightly daunting prospect for many students, and so we are providing a wealth of resources to help students make their choices. These will all be posted on our

website, at the following address: <https://icenimethwold.attrust.org.uk/curriculum/options-process-2022/>. This includes a range of videos made by the teachers and Directors of Faculties, outlining what each GCSE option course entails. I will also shortly be sharing a copy of the options booklet, detailing more information about the subjects your child could go on to study with information for both Year 9 students and their parents/ carers.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, we will be hosting an online information evening for parents and carers from 6.00pm – 6.30pm. This will explain the options process in more detail as well as offering an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions about the process. You can join the meeting on Microsoft Teams by following this link: [Teams meeting link](#)

Year 9 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, and we encourage you to use this opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about the various courses their faculties offer. Your child's Form Tutor continues to be your first point of call, and Mr Marengi, Head of Year 9, and I are also very happy to speak with you if you have specific questions relating to your child's options.

Parents Evening will take place online this year, using <https://icenimethwold.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Please visit this website and enter your child's details to login to the platform and book appointments with your child's teachers. Please find alongside this letter a guide to booking appointments on the SchoolCloud system.

We have set up an online web form where all students will select their option subjects. You will be able to find the link to this on our website (<https://icenimethwold.attrust.org.uk/curriculum/options-process-2022/>.) from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We ask that this is please completed no later than Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Students can complete this form at home or in the Academy.

If you have any questions or would like any further help in supporting your child through the option process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor, Mr Marengi or me and we will be more than happy to help.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Staniforth". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Miss A Staniforth  
Assistant Principal