



04 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION

I trust that the Options Information Evening on Monday was helpful. There was excellent engagement on the night with over 85% of parents/carers accessing staff to talk about the process. I have spoken to many teachers and they have expressed their delight in speaking to so many students and parents asking great questions about potentially studying subjects through Year 10 and Year 11.

I attach again the electronic booklet that we have prepared, which also contains videos both about the process and each subject to support in the decision making process. It contains a wealth of information and advice about all the subjects that are on offer, both the core expectation as well as the option subjects available.

We have started to receive the students' choices via the electronic [form](#), thank you, and I would like to remind those yet to return it that the **deadline for completion is Friday 12 March at 4.00 pm**. In the meantime all Year 9 students will be meeting with their tutors for individual careers advice and guidance this week and further careers support is detailed below including how to contact our careers advisors should the need present itself.

At South Dartmoor Community College, the careers department are keen to support students when choosing their GCSEs. Our Independent Careers advisor is happy to talk to students/ parents/carers. Please e-mail [careers@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:careers@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk) to ask questions or to make an appointment.

There are many websites to support students when choosing their GCSEs see below.

Website	
Careers Pilot: <a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/choosing-your-gcses##">https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/choosing-your-gcses##</a>	What are GCSEs. Tips on choosing GCSEs. Thinking about the future.
UCAS: <a href="https://www.ucas.com/advisers/which-for-teachers/develop-your-skills-as-an-adviser/advising-about-gcse-choices-what-to-include-in-your-programme">https://www.ucas.com/advisers/which-for-teachers/develop-your-skills-as-an-adviser/advising-about-gcse-choices-what-to-include-in-your-programme</a>	A practical Guide.
BBC Bitesize: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmskpgg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmskpgg8</a>	GCSE – links to careers.
<a href="https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/subject-choices-year-10">https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/subject-choices-year-10</a>	Choosing your GCSEs. Video on how to choose your GCSEs.
National Careers Service: <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/</a> -	Information about different careers, includes salary, qualifications needed and the different progression routes. Labour market information. Skills quiz – linking skills to careers.

Website	
UCAS: <a href="https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice">https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice</a>	University Career information – links to courses.
<a href="https://sacu-student.com/">https://sacu-student.com/</a>	Information about careers. Careers Quiz. Labour market information.

As always, all staff remain available via email should you have any questions, so please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind regards

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