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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Curriculum Consultation

Soon it will be time for our Year 9 students, and their parents/carers, to consider choices of courses for the next two years. This is obviously a very important stage. During Key Stage 3, there has been little choice regarding subjects studied, these have been determined by the National Curriculum. As we now prepare for Key Stage 4, there are also some aspects of the curriculum which are pre-determined. This is in many ways a positive advantage as it guarantees a degree of balance and prevents the possibility of making too many mistakes! Even so, there are still some genuine choices to be made.

I am, therefore, writing to outline the process and to let you know the key dates and guidance that has been and will be available during this important stage of your child's schooling.

At Aylestone Business and Enterprise College we aim to provide an options structure which meets the needs of each year group. We, therefore, allow students to have a big input into the curriculum on offer, tailoring it as best we can around what it is the students wish to study. At our annual options conference for students we outlined the potential courses that they could choose, giving them key information. We then asked the students which courses they would be interested in following at Key Stage 4, within a given set of guidelines. These choices are by no means binding but are used to shape our final options offer. This conference for students took place on Monday 27th February.

Following the students full report, Parents and children were able to speak to subject teachers about their aptitude and suitability for subjects at the Year 9 Parents evening on Tuesday 29th February.

On **Wednesday 15th March 6.00pm-7.30pm in the dining hall** we will be holding our annual Curriculum Consultation Evening for Year 9 students and parents/carers. All Year 9 parents/carers are strongly encouraged to attend with their child as this will be a further chance to consider the choices available for them as they enter their last two years at Aylestone Business and Enterprise College. Subject specialists, school SENCO and the Careers team will be on hand to answer any specific questions you may have.

A downloadable options booklet will be made available on our website prior to the event, outlining in detail the courses available. We will send a text message to parents informing them when it is online. Students will have access to computers during form time to read through the booklet before they hand in their final choices before the deadline of **Friday April 7th**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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