



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

KS3 Curriculum Year 9 September – December.

Recently you received correspondence with regards to the changes of the GCSE options process. This highlighted that over the coming months, we would focus on providing all of our pupils with the best support and the most positive learning experiences possible. Towards the end of the academic year, we will be sharing with pupils and parents the details of the options choices available so that you will have the summer holidays to think, discuss and narrow down your decisions.

With these changes in mind and taking in to account the disruption to their Key Stage 3 timeline due to lockdowns, the Creative Arts and Technology department want to offer all Year 9 pupils the opportunity to experience GSCE Options they may be considering helping them inform their choices.

Prior to the half term break we will be asking pupils to feedback to us on which subjects they are most interested in pursuing at GCSE. All the following subjects will be available for selection

- Art
- Product Design
- Food Technology
- Computer Science
- Creative Media
- Drama
- Music

Pupils will be asked to rank their choices in order of preference and will then be given the opportunity to experience as many of these as possible from September to December. We cannot guarantee that pupils will take part in all of their highest ranked subjects, due to class and staffing capacity, however their preferences will be taken into account wherever possible.

I would like to make it clear that these are not GCSE options and pupils will not be locked into these subjects for the remainder of Year 9, however this process will help students to make option choices with greater confidence that the subject is the correct one for them.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact me via reception.

Your sincerely

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