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Dear Parents

I/GCSE choices

Next term we ask the girls in Year 9 to make their I/GCSE choices for the next academic year. I am writing to let you know the schedule so that you are aware of key dates and the opportunities for discussion.

Key Dates:

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| Tuesday 9 January | Personal Development (PD) lesson: presentation to the girls by Mr Morris, Director of Studies, on I/GCSE options. The PowerPoint slides from this presentation will be available in the parent area of the school website in Information – Option Choices and students will be given a paper copy of the draft option blocks. I/GCSE option booklets will be sent home with the students. |
| Wednesday 17 January | Parents' Meeting: the Year 9 Parents' Meeting is on Wednesday 17 January from 5–7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss your daughter's overall progress and her I/GCSE choices. |
| Monday 22 January | Students will be emailed the link to the online options form. |
| Friday 2 February | I/GCSE options deadline is 4.05pm. From this point Mr Morris will work on the options data and conversations will take place with students and parents over any issues that might arise as a consequence of the choices made. |

As part of this process, PD lessons for the first half of next term will be directed towards the students learning about the Careers Library and following a programme devised by the Careers Department; this is designed to raise their awareness of the range of careers they might consider and explore, as well as where to find information and who to ask for help and information.

Alongside all this, students can of course talk with their tutor and other members of staff throughout the process, and I am sure there will be plenty of discussion at home. If you have any further queries please contact your daughter's tutor. Alternatively pastorally related issues are best directed to me and logistical questions to Mr Morris (cmorris@shsk.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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