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Dear Parents

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.

As part of this process, some PD lessons this half-term are devised and run by the careers department and designed to support the girls in how to make informed decisions. All Year 9 students have also been given the opportunity to create their Morrisby Profile by completing 'Aspirations' a newly developed interactive questionnaire, and Mrs Trump, Head of Careers and Professional Guidance, has already written to you about this. The questionnaire measures career interests and preferences towards organisational types and roles, work environment and work style and the results feed through to subject suggestions for I/GCSEs as well as future career suggestions.

Key Dates:

- 8th January 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 girls will be given a paper copy of the Draft Option Blocks. I/GCSE option booklets sent home with the girls.
- 16th January Parents' Meeting: the Year 9 Parents' Meeting is on Wednesday 16th January from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss your daughter's overall progress and her I/GCSE choices.
- 21st January Girls will be emailed the link to the online options form.
- 1st February I/GCSE options deadline 4.05pm. From this point Mr Morris will work on the options data and conversations will take place with pupils and parents over any issues that might arise as a consequence of the choices made.

Alongside all this, girls 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 (hnash@shsk.org.uk) and logistical questions to Mr Morris (cmorris@shsk.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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