



8th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an update of the Choices process now that school has been closed to the majority of our students. Although we are not in school, the process remains broadly the same, just in a slightly different order. We have brought forward students' meetings with the Senior Leadership Team and any other changes are highlighted in red.

Date	Activities / Support
18 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Choices presentations will be saved on the Year 9 Choices team on Microsoft Teams. These will provide details on the subjects that students have not studied at Key Stage Three/not currently studying due to lockdown (e.g. PE). Students will receive information about subjects they currently study in Year 9 during lessons. Choices booklet and a list of frequently asked questions will be saved on the Year 9 Choices team on Microsoft Teams. These will explain course content and how courses are assessed. Additional information about Choices will be saved on the Year 9 Choices team on Microsoft Teams to help your child make informed decisions about their Choices.
21 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual drop-ins will be offered by teaching staff on Zoom for those parents/carers who have any further questions about courses. Please read the booklet and FAQ document first because they may well provide the answers that you need! Also, <i>please bear in mind that this isn't the forum to ask about suitability of courses for your individual child</i> – parents' evening is the best time for that. <p>We will be in touch nearer the time with further details about this.</p>
4 th February	<p>Year 9 Parents' Evening. This will be your opportunity to discuss your child's suitability for the courses they are interested in studying at Key Stage Four. This will be held virtually. Mr Scott will be in touch nearer the time with further details about this.</p>
8 th - 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child will meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team via Zoom to discuss their Choices. We would ask that they bring to the meeting a list of their initial choices for discussion. Please note that the meetings may run into the first week after half term.

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w/c 22nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An online Choices form will be emailed to you. Please complete and return by 26th February.
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While waiting for the Choices process to start, I would encourage you to look at the [Careers section of our website](#). There is lots of information that could help your child to prepare for the Choices process, including our Fast Tomato subscription which provides tailored careers advice.

Yours sincerely



Catherine McGahey