

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Parents and Carers  
of Y9 TQEA Students**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to invite you to our Options Afternoon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30pm. Please note that this will be a face to face event in which year 9 students and their parents/carers are welcome to walk around the academy and speak to teachers about our key stage 4 curriculum and options. There will be a presentation at 4pm in our school hall led by our Principal, Mr Harding, which will be an opportunity for parents and carers to hear about our options process 2022 with their child.

This is an important event for our year 9 students and parents/carers since the decisions taken now in choosing GCSE & BTEC options will potentially impact on future career opportunities and destinations. It is crucial that options are chosen with careful consideration since the commitment to these courses will remain with the child for the rest of their time at The Queen Elizabeth Academy. It is important that these choices are made with an eye on subjects your child enjoys, subjects in which your child performs at their best and subjects which offer potential career options in the future.

[Please find here a link to our Options Booklet](#) which provides more information of each available course and the choosing process. Some key headlines are that all students have to choose between History or Geography (but can do both), and two thirds of students are directed to study French (but all students can choose French as an option). We are delighted to declare that TQEA is inclusive and all students are welcome to choose any subject. We always endeavour to ensure that a child's options are met. However, there are rare cases in which we can't guarantee an option. There are exceptions if, in unforeseen circumstances, an option cannot run or if there are clashes between subjects. This is where a student's reserve choice is important. In cases such as these we will always inform parents and carers as early as we can in the process.

We are excited to welcome you all into the academy and look forward to meeting you to discuss our exciting curriculum and your child's GCSE and BTEC options.

If you have any question about Options Afternoon, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Armishaw  
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