28th January 2025

**Parents and Carers**

**of Yr9 Students**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Over the next few weeks, your child will select which subjects they wish to continue with in Key Stage 4 for their GCSE qualifications. During our options assembly this week, students will be guided through the different subjects on offer to them and also handed an options booklet to bring home, to allow you both the opportunity to sit and read through how the options process works and which subjects are on offer to them.

On Thursday 6th February, from 4.30-6.30pm, we will be running our Options Evening in the academy, and we strongly encourage all students and parents/carers to attend this event where possible. The evening will be a chance for you to gain further information on the process of choosing the options, along with additional opportunities to speak to teachers of the subjects on offer to gain an insight into what the course entails, and whether it would be a suitable option for your child. Also, on the evening, detailed information will be given about the process of how your child needs to select their option subjects, so attendance to this is vital.

Students will select their final choices through our online platform; Bromcom. If you have not already downloaded our parent app or logged in, then we strongly advise that you do this in advance of the evening. Should you have any issues with this, then please do not hesitate to contact our IT specialist [ashraf.khalifa@attrust.org.uk] and he will be more than happy to assist with this.

The deadline for students choosing their options is Friday 14th February at 3.05pm. Any students that have failed to choose the options before then will be automatically allocated to subjects, and this is unable to change. Should you have any questions regarding any of this, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clearly, we want to support your child in making the ‘right’ option choices by giving them as much information as possible prior to the final deadline of Friday 14th February for their option choices. Please encourage them to talk to you, other family members, their form tutor, teachers of those subjects they are interested in and students already doing these subjects to gather as much information as possible. I would also suggest researching the qualifications needed for any careers that your child might be interested in along with what the entry requirements are for particular courses which they might be interested in studying at post-16 level.

In the meantime, we hope you find the options booklet that your child will be bringing home informative, and we look forward to seeing you at The Queen Elizabeth Academy on Thursday 6th February for our Options Evening.

Yours sincerely,

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