

Our reference: AHH/CB*

21st January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 into 10 Options Launch Event – Thursday 28th January 2021

I am writing to invite you to our Year 9 into 10 Options Evening which will launch on our website on Thursday 28th January. Whilst we are disappointed that, due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be hosting a physical Options Evening, we hope that our virtual event will provide you with all of the information that you need to support students in making the choices regarding their KS4 programme of study.

Our online event aims to replicate our traditional Options Evening through a pre-recorded presentation, an options booklet and online options form. These resources will be found on our school website and will remain there for the duration of the option process, allowing you to view them at your leisure and to refer back them should you need to.

The online options event is part of the wider programme of support helping students to transition from KS3 to KS4. Class teachers will be able to discuss their subjects at the Year 9 Parent / Carer Evening during your appointments on Thursday 25th February and the contact details of each Head of Department can also be found in the options booklet.

Ms Brake (Our Careers Leader) is also available to support student's choices and can be contacted at bbrake@raynespark.merton.sch.uk should you wish to make an appointment with her.

The deadline for the online submission of your options form is **Monday 15th March** and a summary of all of the key dates for the options process can be found in the table below:

Date	Action
Thursday 28 th January 2021	Year 9 Options Evening – Online Launch
Thursday 25 th February 2021	Year 9 Parent / Carer Evening
Monday 15 th March 2021	Deadline for online options forms to be submitted
Summer Term 2021	Options choice confirmation issued to students and parents / carers
September 2021	Year 10 – KS4 courses begin
Friday 24 th September 2021	Final option subject change deadline. Students will not be able to change courses after this date.

Yours faithfully,

A. Hogarth

Mr A Hogarth
Deputy Headteacher