



Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Cloud Virtual Q&A Event - Year 9 Options 2020 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 3:30pm to 5:30pm

I write to you with an exciting opportunity that we have put in place to support you with the Year 9 Options process. As you are aware, we are having to conduct our Options process slightly differently this year with departmental videos replacing the traditional evening in school. With this in mind, in support of the videos, we are going to hold a virtual Q&A event so that you have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have in regard to course content and / or suitability. This virtual event will be run virtually using School Cloud.

Unlike with our parent evenings where your attendance is strongly advised, you only need to take part in this event if you have questions you would like to ask our subject leaders, once you have watched the videos. The most important factor in this process is that the students select the right course for them, and this opportunity is an extra layer of support in what is a highly unusual year.

You will be able to book appointments from 4pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January until 4pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Within this window, please use this link: <a href="https://chertsey.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://chertsey.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>. You can see just one teacher if you wish to or any number of available teachers that you need to but please keep questions solely about GCSE course content and suitability. If you wish to speak to one of your child's teachers about anything else, please contact them by email. The Subject Leaders available for five minutes appointments are:

Modern Foreign Languages	Ms Izaro Andres
Physical Education	Mr Chris Ball
Media Studies	Ms Olivia Bucknall
Geography	Ms Nel Castle-Smith
Music / Drama / Dance	Mr Mike Hayter
Religious Studies	Mr Jon Hicks
Business Studies	Ms Patricia Marques
History	Ms Hannah O'Neill
Art / Photography	Mrs Sophie O'Sullivan
Food / Textiles / 3D Design	Ms Emily Sheen
ICT	Mrs Karen Tack

Miss Wheeler, Head of Year 9, is taking appointments for any general options related questions. Core subjects are not taking part in this event because it is purely to support the option subject selection process.

I hope you find this event useful. Despite the uncertainty of current times, I hope you will agree that we are all embracing new technology in ways that will enhance working practice going forward. School Cloud has been very well received by parents and teachers as a successful platform for Parent Evenings and I am hopeful this slightly varied format will be a new and useful way that we can utilise the technology. As always, your feedback is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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