



Wath Academy

Dear Parent/ Carer

Your child is now well into the process of considering the options that they will select to study in Key Stage 4 at Wath Academy. All students have investigated options and careers in their Life Skills lesson this term and should be forming some ideas about the choices they intend to make. Students and parents have been provided with an online options booklet and have access to videos produced by each department outlining the key aspects of each subject. All these resources are available on our website at [Wath Academy - Y9 Options](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to point out the timeline we are currently working to, which has been altered slightly in line with feedback we have received. The key times are as follows:

1. Data from Learning Cycle 2 will be sent out during week commencing 8 February 2021
2. All students will complete their final life skills information, advice and guidance lesson by Friday 12 February 2021
3. Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 23 February 2021
4. All initial responses on the Microsoft form provided will be collated on Friday 26 February 2021
5. Advice and guidance meetings will take place from week commencing Monday 1 March 2021 (by request of the academy, student or parent)

We have put this timeline in place with the intention of maximising the chance parents have to discuss options with their children and ensuring you have as much information to guide your decisions as possible. Students and parents now have the ability to use the data provided in Learning Cycle 2 and discussions with individual teachers to inform the choices they make.

Following further feedback from students regarding the Microsoft form for indicating which options students intend to select, we have made some changes to subject names on this form. While previously we had used the specification name as provided by the exam board, we have now moved to a system of simplifying the names of Art subjects, in line with our timetabled lesson names. This naming system should clarify what each subject is; further information is available in our updated options booklet. All students who completed the options form containing the previous naming system, will need to complete the new form to confirm their choices. The altered names within the form and options booklet are as follows:

1. Fine Art (Art and Design)
2. 3D (Art and Design)
3. Graphics (Art and Design)
4. Photography (Art and Design)

Please note that students can only opt for one of the subjects above.

A link to the updated form, where students can indicate the subjects they wish to take, will be provided to students when they complete their final Life Skills lesson. We will also make this link public when the last students have completed their final lesson (Friday 21 February 2021).

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Yours sincerely

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