3rd October 2023

Dear families,

Year 9 – Options

Year 9 is an incredibly important year for your children as they will choose their option subjects for Years 10 and 11.

I have spoken with all Year 9 students about the process they will go through in the coming months, which will start with subject-specific assemblies so they can find out what is on offer. I have advised them all to use the time between now and Christmas to find out as much as they can about the subjects we offer for GCSE and BTEC etc. at Newhouse Academy and to think about which subjects they would like to choose.
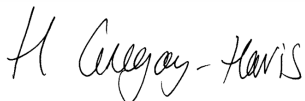
I have also asked that they consider what they would like to do when they leave school and what qualifications they will need to be successful in that. We have a careers advisor – Karen Hodgson – on site throughout the week to help anyone who would like a one-to-one appointment. Appointments with Mrs Hodgson can be made through your child's Head of Year - Mrs Winkler.

I have asked Year 9 to discuss with you what they would like to choose for options, what they intend to do once they leave school, and what will give them the best chance of success. In January we will host a Year 9 Families Evening, where you will receive the options forms for your child, however, if you have any questions before then, please do get in touch.

Finally, students have been advised that when a subject is over- subscribed we will look at **attendance, any lateness to school, attitude to learning and behaviour in school**. In this current academic year, Technology subjects, Art, Photography and RE have all been oversubscribed.

Thank you for your support with this process – the more we talk about it and the more information we share, the better the choices will be that our students make.

Yours sincerely

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