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Dear Families,

Re: Year 9 Options Booklet and Choices

I hope this letter finds you well, and, as we prepare to celebrate the holidays, I would like to take a moment to update you on an important aspect of your child's academic journey - their Year 9 options.

The Year 9 Options Booklet will be sent home to all families and you can find an electronic copy of it by using this link:

<https://newhouseacademy.co.uk/year-9-options-2>

The booklet is a comprehensive guide detailing the various subjects available for your child as they progress through to Year 10. During this half term, teachers have conducted assemblies, providing students with essential information about the subjects they might wish to choose.

It is crucial at this stage that you talk to your child about their interests, strengths, and aspirations. We know that making informed choices is integral to a successful educational path. Each student has the opportunity to meet with our careers advisor to explore potential career paths and discuss the steps needed to achieve their goals.

We encourage you to emphasise the importance of self-reflection, considering where your child's talents and passions lie. It's essential to remind them that their choices should align with their individual interests and future aspirations rather than solely being influenced by their peers.

On 18th January 2024, we will host a Families Evening, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers to discuss progress and options. Up-to-date progress data for your child will also be provided, to help you make informed decisions about your child's subject choices.

Please be reassured that, at this stage, no definite choices need to be made. This period serves as an information-gathering phase, allowing both students and families the time to consider the options carefully. Making the right choices leads to successful outcomes for students and we want to ensure that your child feels confident in their choices.

In closing, I should like to thank you for your ongoing support – of both your child and Newhouse Academy, and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely

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