



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 8 pupils have reached an exciting phase in their time at Venerable Bede CE Academy, as they begin their 'Curriculum Choices' process.

Due to the current circumstances, this year's process will be a little different as we are unable to host an evening event. We will instead be launching the '**Curriculum Choices**' section of our school website on **Wednesday 24th February**, which will bring together all the resources you and your child will need to help make wise and informed decisions about the subjects they will study in upper school. You will be able to access a visual and spoken presentation outlining the process, view presentations from subject leaders (of both core and option subjects) and visit our careers, advice & guidance section, where you will find a range of research activities to try, useful sources of advice and a checklist to complete to help guide you through the process.

In advance of this launch, details of the subjects taught from Year 9, as well as examination requirements and other key information, can be found in our 2021 Curriculum Choices booklet:

[LINK TO 2021 CURRICULUM CHOICES BOOKLET](#)

Also attached, is a leaflet produced by the Department for Education which offers some suggestions about making the best GCSE choices and provides details about the EBaccalaureate (EBacc).

Personalised option forms, based on a suggested Full or Possible EBacc route, will be emailed on Wednesday 24th February, via ParentMail. The deadline for completion of these forms will be Friday 19th March, so this will allow you and your child plenty of time to discuss these decisions together, complete lots of research and read through the information provided.

We understand how important these curriculum choices are to you and your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I am confident that by working together we can enable your child to make the right choices.

Regards,

Mrs. T. Burgess
Deputy Headteacher

