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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject Choices 2022/23

Further to the curriculum update we sent to you in the Autumn Term, please find enclosed an information pack outlining the curriculum that your child will study next year, (i.e. in 2023/24), along with details of some of the choices they will have regarding the subjects they will study in Year 9.

The information pack aims to help your child make some of the very first decisions they are able to make about what they will study on their educational journey. The current Year 9 curriculum has been designed so that pupils have the maximum amount of time and support to make wise and informed choices about the subjects they will go on to study in KS4, whilst also maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum. The model also gives Year 9 pupils an opportunity to have a "taste" of subjects which might be unfamiliar to them, to help guide their future choices. Whilst the choices that they make now will determine what they study in Year 9 – they will also go on to help inform their final curriculum choices about the subjects they will then take forward to the end of Year 11.

If you have any questions regarding this process or about the choices your child needs to make ahead of next year, you can contact us via a dedicated email address: subjectchoices@venerablebede.co.uk.

Alternatively, if you wish, you can join us at a face-to-face opportunity to ask any questions on **Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 5pm**. If you wish to attend this session, you will need to sign up to the event using schoolcloud, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://vbede.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

'2023/24 Subject Choices' forms need to be completed and returned by **4pm on Wednesday 19th April 2023**. Completed forms can/should be handed to **Tutor teachers during registration time**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D. Airey
Headteacher

Mrs T. Burgess
Deputy Headteacher

