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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Options Information

We would normally start the calendar year with a Year 9 Options Evening for parents, to discuss the different KS4 courses available for pupils to study. Unfortunately, with the current COVID-19 restrictions in place we have had to move all our guidance for parents online.

A webpage has been set up <https://www.uvhs.uk/year-9-options> with links to video presentations and an electronic copy of the **Year 9 Options Guide** (also included with this letter). The main **Options Presentation**, by Mr Nayler, Assistant Headteacher, covers the areas usually discussed during the options evening for parents. Each of the subjects also has a video presentation to describe the course content and assessment, similar to the information we have shared with pupils during assemblies. They are split into core subjects, which all pupils study, and the options subjects pupils can choose at KS4. Please note, the subject videos were recorded last year and there have been some minor changes in some subject areas. The Options Guide has been fully updated and the main Options Presentation has been re-recorded in 2022.

The **Options Application Form** will be completed online again this year. A link to the electronic form will be sent to pupils using their UVHS email account. When pupils and parents have read the Options Guide, watched the video presentations and discussed potential subjects with teachers at our virtual Parents' Evening they will be able to complete the form using the link in the email. The form can only be completed once however, so pupils should take the time to consider their choices and the combination of subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11. The final deadline to complete the form is **Friday 28th January**.

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening - Online Appointment Booking

You are cordially invited to a Year 9 Parents' Evening to be held on **Tuesday 18th** and **Thursday 20th January**. With the current COVID-19 restrictions in place this will be a virtual event spread over two evenings to allow flexibility for parents and teachers. During these difficult times we appreciate the need for personal contact between parents and teachers and parents' evening provides an important opportunity for parents to discuss progress and KS4 options for their child.

The school has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are aware that not everything may run smoothly and we would like to thank you in advance for your patience if problems arise.

Appointments can be made from Wednesday 12th January and will close on Tuesday 18th. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.



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Please visit <https://uvhs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.) Login with the following information:

Student's Preferred First Name Student's Preferred Surname Student's Date of Birth

Video appointments can be completed using any device with a microphone, speaker and web browser. Sessions are time limited and will end when the time runs out. Further guidance on how to use video calls is available here <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Given the difficult circumstances, the options process will not be as straightforward as normal, but the more information you seek and the more questions you ask, the better the outcome will be for individual children. Please discuss everything with your child and encourage them to talk to their teachers, it is after all their future and we all want their future to be as rewarding as possible next year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Hardwick
Headteacher**

