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Dear Parents of Year 9 Students

As you will no doubt be aware this is a vital time for your child in terms of the important decisions that they make regarding option choices. You will be receiving the Options booklet during the Options Evening which will be on **Tuesday 31 January** (please note the change of date due to industrial action on the 1 February).

The evening will start at 6.00pm when I will give a presentation about the process, which will last about half an hour. Parents and students will then visit departments to talk to subject teachers. The evening will end at 8.00pm.

Choosing option subjects will involve teamwork between yourselves, your child, and the various subject teachers.

The process will start week beginning 6 February with students making their four choices and they will also be asked to pick a reserve. From this we will be able to put the option blocks together that give students, where possible, their main choices.

Should we need to use a reserve or the choices do not fit, we will go back and talk to them about rechoosing.

I am pleased to say that the majority of students will get their choices. We have moved to this student led system a few years ago and it proved a great success. The option process will be completed by Easter.

This year all students will choose:

- 1) **A Humanity:** Students will choose to do either History or Geography as one of their choices.
- 2) **A Language:** Students will take a language qualification they have been following at KS3 either French or Spanish.
- 3) **2 other options** from the booklet given out at the evening
- 4) **A reserve option**

The process will also allow for those who want to study both humanities and an additional language.



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We want to give our students the best chances to get the best qualifications they will need for their future and that process starts with their option choices.

I look forward to a very positive evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Shelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Adam Shelley
Headteacher