



Dear Blaise Families

Year 9 students are approaching the end of key stage 3 and it is now time for them to make decisions about their courses for the next two years at key stage 4. Students will need to consider their individual strengths, interests and talents. Students should make choices based on what they enjoy and what they are passionate about. Every combination of subjects that we offer will enable students to access any post 16 course. There are no routes that require triple science at GCSE and the vast majority of schools in the country don't offer this.

In Y9 all students will be required to study:

- ☐ English Language and English Literature
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Combined Sciences (two GCSEs)
- ☐ Core Physical Education
- ☐ Either Geography, History, or a Modern Foreign Language (English Baccalaureate subjects)

In addition to the subjects above students will need to opt for a further 3 subjects (4 options in total) plus reserve subjects. We are currently offering subjects that we have greater certainty that we will be fully staffed in for the duration of the students course. Whilst not everything is predictable, as far as possible we want to remove the risk of students having to switch courses at the end of year 10. If this situation changes we will communicate with parents.

To support students with choices we have held assemblies in school and will be running sessions during Tutor time. The students will also be bringing home a guide to the process. This guide is also available for you to see on the website along with a video from each Head of Subject outlining some key information.

Please do take time to watch the video and read the guide. The video can be accessed via the pop up on the opening screen and the guide is within the 'Information' section. Whilst no option subject can be guaranteed, if you wish to make a recommendation on behalf of your son/daughter, please email options@blaisehighschool.co.uk This email will be monitored but not responded to.

If you wish to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact Mr Leese in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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