



## Lode Heath School

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Dear parents/ carers

### Year 9 Options Event – Tuesday 28 February 2023

We recognise that the options process can be a daunting one and so we invite you to attend our Options Event on **Tuesday 28 February from 6pm–8pm**. This event will be hosted at Lode Heath School and will provide you and your child with an opportunity to hear formal presentations about the curriculum your child could study in Years 10 and 11, as well as an opportunity for Q&A with representatives from our 'optional' subject areas. There will also be the opportunity on the evening to discuss a range of queries and questions you may have to include Pathway Queries, SEND, Careers and Pastoral questions.

Prior to the Options Event, we will email a link to an electronic 'options booklet' which fully explains all aspects of our curriculum offer for Years 10 and 11, thus allowing you to read the detail at your leisure and formulate any questions you may have in advance. You can access this via our website or link here:

[Options](#)

You will also find videos, F.A.Q's, emails for support and an option to submit any questions via the parent survey link. A timeline is also available and attached to this email to support you with key dates.

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, you will be informed of students who have been selected to take a Modern Foreign Language option at GCSE, this is indicated by the pathway allocated, green or yellow. This will be available on Synergy for you to view. You may also receive letters from subjects that offer both a GCSE and a vocational qualification informing you of the most suitable option for your child if they were to choose this route.

Students will also experience a range of 'taster sessions' during the school day to supplement this. In addition, we invite you to attend our Consultation Evening on **Tuesday 14 March**. This event will allow you to have conversations with staff who can help advise and support you and your child in making the most informed choices to support their preferred post-16 routes and future careers. You may also wish to refer to your child's assessment data found on Synergy too.

Advance notice: your child's option subject preferences will be collected via SIMS Options so we advise that on the evening of the event you visit our IT technicians for any questions you may have in accessing this platform. Your parent/ carer logins for SIMS will be sent prior to the event via email. You should contact our IT team directly if you need help with access to SIMS Options. You can contact them via email: [helpdesk@lodeheath.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@lodeheath.org.uk) or via telephone on 0121 711 1219. SIMS Options will be open to submit option choices from **Wednesday 15 March midday until Friday 24 March midday**. Failure to meet the deadline will affect the availability of option choices. Further information will be available inside the options booklet and on the evening.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at both our Options Event and Consultation Evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Summers  
Deputy head teacher

