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Dear Scholars and Families

Class of 2025 GCSE Options

Although we are not in school, preparations for your GCSE subjects continue apace.

I have been working hard with Mr Mahmood and the staff team in school to ensure that we can run the GCSE Options process and collect scholars preferences.

Please read the following information carefully as this will outline how we will do this while we are all working and studying from home:

Scholars have received all of their options information in a series of presentations in school and they have completed a summary booklet considering the things they would learn and the skills they would develop for each subject.

This week, scholars will receive an email from myself with our GCSE Options booklet attached which contains specific information regarding the content of each subject, how each one is assessed and what further studies or careers they may lead to. Please take some time to read through this information with your child to help them to understand the choices available to them. Advisors will also discuss this with you and your child when they phone you next to check in, as will colleagues from our Mountain Support team.

Next week, scholars will receive an email with a link to an online form for them to complete – this is how they will select their preferences. The deadline for the return of this information is May 11th.

Please remember, this process is for scholars to indicate a preference for subjects as we cannot guarantee that courses will have space, or that courses will run, but we try to ensure that all scholars receive at least one of their 1st preferences.

If scholars have questions that specifically relate to a subject, they should address these to the Head of School, any questions related to the process can be sent to any of the Year 8 advisors, Mr Mahmood, or myself, who will endeavour to reply within 24 hours.

Finally, there is a short video available explaining all of this here:

https://twitter.com/DMA_Curriculum/status/1256257640373661697

and all of this information will be available via the academy website from next week.

Best Wishes

Mr Oliver Handley
Vice Principal

