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Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

Year 9 into 10 Final Options Forms

We are pleased to issue the Year 9 into 10 final Options form. The columns have been constructed using feedback from the initial survey students completed. The Options columns created satisfy over 90% of all four choices students indicated in their initial survey, and 100% of three of the four choices they indicated. We anticipate that most students will choose the subjects they indicated in their initial survey.

Please discuss this with your child and then complete and return the form attached, ideally by email to: office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk as soon as possible and by **Wednesday 4th June** at the very latest please.

Do remember to **check that the student's full name is written clearly at the top of the form**. Forms are attached in both **Word and PDF** format so everyone should be able to access them, and once completed can be emailed, handed in to Reception, or printed and posted back to the school if this is easier.

Instructions as to how to follow the Route identified are on the form, or for further information please refer to the Year 9 into 10 Course Booklet.

Why can't you change the columns?

The columns are designed to maximise the number of students who are able to follow the choice of subjects they indicated within their particular Route. We spent a lot of time looking at various other versions but this combination of subjects gave the most students their preferred selections. Moving one subject for one student will impact a much larger group of students.

What do the columns mean?

The columns basically form the timetable for Year 10 next year. The subjects in a column will all be taught at the same time, which is why students can only take one subject from each column.

Does a reserve need to be selected?

Yes. As we build the classes we need to have reserve choices available in case a class becomes full. Of course, this would be a last resort and we would be in touch to discuss this should it be necessary.

What happens to the Routes?

Breadth of curriculum remains key so **the Route system still applies** for all the reasons previously explained. The Routes system has been successfully used for a number of years now and students will need to follow this established process and make their final selection in line with their Route.

What happens if we have a query?

As always, please do get in touch with your child's Tutor in the first instance. For specific subject queries (for example, something about content), then do contact the subject teacher either directly or via the usual office address office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk, or clearly note any concerns on the form.

Once all the forms are returned we can then build the classes for next year and pick up any concerns raised, but as it takes some time to do this please don't expect an immediate response.

We appreciate that selecting Options may be worrying for some students and this isn't unusual, but please rest assured that things always do work out. Every year students make these choices and move successfully on into Years 10 and 11, and any hiccups are soon forgotten.

Kind regards

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