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Dear Parent,

Academic Options at Ellesmere College: Years 9 to 10

It may seem rather early to be writing to you about the course of study your child will be following in September 2022 but I am raising the topic so you may discuss the matter over the coming weeks.

The curriculum consists of core subjects for all pupils in Year 10, English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. Pupils will usually study two or three sciences from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. All other subjects are options. Support for Learning and English as an Additional Language, as a chargeable extra, will continue to be available. The full details of each subject are available via our website link [Middle School Options](#) When you land on the Middle School page please scroll down to the heading **Year 10 Options Information booklet**.

Options are chosen online through our 'options online' system, which requires pupils to access their **Ellesmere email account to get the link**, the details are given below. Please discuss this with your daughter/son to ensure they access the link and together you can choose her/his preferred options for GCSE. If you have any difficulties with access, please email our Director of ICT andy.hassard@ellesmere.com

How to complete options online:

Pupils will have received an email from 'noreply@sims.co.uk' into their Ellesmere email account. They should login to their Ellesmere email where they will see the email. They are to navigate to the 'Accept Invitation' link in the e-mail then follow the guide which is sent with this email. When asked, students should use their usual Ellesmere email address (the same login they will use for TEAMS) to login.

Please find attached a guide to help navigate the Options On-line process.

Please ignore other portals that might be listed by the software provider, Capita, as we only use their options portal (we have other suppliers for parents' portal and activities).

The final date for the completion of the online options is Friday 18th March 2022. Please ensure that your son/daughter does not delay in submitting their options since it is important that their choices influence decisions about subjects and circuits.

There will be an opportunity for further advice at the on-line Parents' Meetings scheduled over Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March and amendments to choices can be made up to the end of March.

Yours sincerely,

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