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Dear Parent,

Academic Options at Ellesmere College: Years 8 to 9

The curriculum consists of core subjects for all pupils in Year 9. These are English, Mathematics, the three sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Finance and Physical Education.

Although the choices for GCSE options are not made until Lent term in Year 9 we do introduce some limited choice, at the end of Year 8, as pupils move from Lower to Senior School. Clearly if a subject is dropped at this stage it cannot be picked up again for GCSE.

The subjects where there are choices available for Year 9 are in the creative and language areas. They are Art, Drama, Design, French, Latin, Music, and Spanish.

It is anticipated that these subjects will be available in four option blocks. Pupils will choose one subject from each block. Support for Learning and English as an Additional Language, as a chargeable extra, will continue to be available and it is strongly recommended that these be chosen as one of the four so they can be timetabled into the school day.

The enclosed form is to enable the collation of data and it would be appreciated if you could complete it and return it by Friday 24th February 2017. If there are uncertainties about your son or daughter's choices please indicate in the comment box.

The Parents' Meeting scheduled on Friday 17th February 2017, will provide an opportunity to discuss with teachers and tutors the appropriate choice for your daughter/son. This meeting is preceded by a presentation on the transition from Year 8 to 9 and will include information about the options and the pastoral system. This will take place in the Arts Centre at 5.15pm.

I hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend then please contact your son or daughter's tutor for any information you need.

Yours sincerely,

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We are reviewing our Year 9 Curriculum but currently have some subjects that are optional as pupils move into Year 9. They are listed below, please indicate four.

**Provisional Choices: Please CIRCLE four only.
It would be helpful if you could number them in priority order
of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice.**

Circle Choice Put Priority No 1-4

Art		
Design		
Drama		
French		
Latin		
Music		
Spanish		
Extra Support lessons	Maths	
	English	
Non-native English Speakers; EAL English as an Additional Language		

Name of Pupil:

House:

Tutor Group:

If a pupil receives Support for Learning or EAL lessons it must be selected as one of their four choices so that it can be properly timetabled into the day.

Enquiries

I confirm I have discussed and agreed these choices with my son/daughter.

Signed:

(Tutors may sign on behalf of boarders where parents have agreed)

Current pupils: please return this slip to **Lower School Office, marked for Dr Gareth's attention** by no later than Friday 24th February 2017.

New entry for September 2017: please return this form to our Admissions department within one week of receipt.

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