

RE: Year 9 Curriculum Choices

Dear parents and carers,

When we return in the new year, pupils in Year 9 will prepare to select their curriculum choices for GCSE. It is important we work together so that pupils select the right courses to prepare them for their future.

At KS4, all students will study the core subjects of English (Literature/Language), Maths and Science. Students will also study GCSE RE to meet statutory requirements and to support their understanding of how philosophy, religion and ethics form the basis of our culture, and develop valuable skills that support further studies in multiple subject areas.

Students will then have **three** subject choices, which have been grouped into the following curriculum areas to help support a broad and balanced programme of study.

- **Exploring The World:** Geography, History, Sociology
- **Creative Expression:** Art, Drama, Film Studies, Food and Nutrition, Graphics, Music, Physical Education, Resistant Materials, Textiles
- **Broadening My Perspectives:** French, Business and Enterprise (BTEC), Digital IT (BTEC), Health and Social Care (BTEC) OR any of the other options if it has not already been selected.

To begin preparing pupils, an assembly was delivered in November to introduce the curriculum choices process. Pupils then spent time in form using our careers software, Xello, to explore different career options and complete activities about their personality, and learning style, which matched them to potential suitable careers.

Videos that detail each of the GCSE options, and a digital curriculum booklet, are now available on our website so that families can learn more about each subject we offer and discuss together the potential courses they might like to study. The link to the page can be found here:

Videos:

<https://www.leytonstoneschool.org/page/?title=Year+9+Curriculum+Choices&pid=99>

Booklet:

<https://www.leytonstoneschool.org/attachments/download.asp?file=183&type=pdf>

Upon returning in January, each Y9 student will have a 1-on-1 interview with a member of staff to discuss their curriculum choices and potential career paths, before they make their selection before February half term.

We ask that you spend some time over the holidays exploring the different options together as a family, and discuss the courses your child may wish to study at GCSE.

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Wishing you a safe and happy remainder of the holiday.

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