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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 9 students have reached a very important stage in their education where they need to make decisions about which subjects they will continue to study during Key Stage 4 in Years 10 and 11. The options process is exciting but requires very careful decision making. To aid with these decisions, scholars have studied a careers unit in PSHE before Christmas and we are putting in place the following opportunities over the coming months:

- **Options assembly, booklet and videos** – Students will have an options assembly and receive a booklet which will take them through the options process at Nova. There will also be videos available introducing each subject.
- **Parent/Carer Options Evening** – This will be a live opportunity for you to hear from us about the compulsory Key Stage 4 curriculum and the range of options available for your child as parents and carers. It will be designed to help you understand how you can support your child through the process this year. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions if you wish.
- **Careers week assemblies** – The week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March is national careers week. During this week scholars will be hearing about careers and routes into the world of work.
- **Academic Review Day** - this is an excellent opportunity to talk with your child's tutor and discuss potential strengths that might help inform options choices.

The timeline for the options process will be as follows:

#### Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February

- Options process launch assemblies
- Options booklets sent out

#### Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Academic Review Day
- Specific options assemblies
- Time to speak to and message teachers on epraise with questions about options

#### Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Carer options evening
- Options forms released (shared on Microsoft Forms)
- Time to speak to and message teachers on epraise with questions about options

#### Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March

- National careers week assembly and unifrog sessions in PSHE and tutor time.
- Time to speak to and message teachers on epraise with questions about options

#### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Options forms due in

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Much more information will be available in the extensive options booklet which we will share with you and your child as well as during our Options Evening.

We hope to see you on 22<sup>nd</sup> February for academic review day and 27<sup>th</sup> February for options evening.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Unwin'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs S Unwin

**Senior Vice Principal**