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Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 9 SPECIALISED CURRICULUM

I wanted to take a moment to update you on the options process, key information and upcoming events over the next few weeks.

The Options Booklet will be available to access on the Buckler's Mead Academy website from Tuesday 4 May 2021 onwards. This booklet contains all of the key information that you and your child will need to know about the Key Stage Four Curriculum, Pathways and Options available. Please take the time to read through this carefully and discuss its content with your child.

We are also in the process of putting the final touches to an Options page on our website. This will provide you with comprehensive information on everything you will need to know. There will be a range of videos, further written guidance and links to support you and your child through the process. This will be made available later on this week so please check the website for updates.

All students will be allocated a Key Stage Four Pathway which will be used to guide option choices and subjects. We will be sending out a letter this week to inform you and your child on the selected pathway.

As part of the Options process, students accompanied by their parents, will be able to attend a Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday 6 May 2021 from 4:00-7:00 pm. You will be able to book appointments for this via our online booking system <https://bma.schoolcloud.com>. This will be an opportunity to discuss student's progress in subjects as well as explore and ask questions about the potential courses on offer. Following the evening, students will be asked to finalise their preferred choices and submit for consideration. An online options form will be made available to them shortly.

I hope that this gives you further clarity on the process moving forward. However, if you have any further questions please feel free to make contact either via main reception or through our email optionquestions@bucklersmeadacademy.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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