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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Key Stage 4 Options Process

We have come to a point in the year where students in Year 9 must choose their option subjects in Key Stage 4.

Your son/daughter is nearing the end of their time in Key Stage 3. In September 2024 they will move into Year 10 and join Key Stage 4, where there are two significant changes to the school curriculum:

- Some subjects become 'optional'
- Students will study courses that lead to some form of recognised qualification, dependent upon ability.

All students will continue to learn English, Maths, Science and ICT; all of which will lead to a nationally recognised qualification. Subject teachers will be able to guide you as to where your child is best placed. Students will also continue important lessons in PE, PSHE and Life Skills. In addition, students will take **two** 'Options Subjects' from a pool of possible options. We would like to offer as broad a curriculum as we possibly can and to give students options that will allow them to maximise their results.

In order to do this, I would like to get an initial indication of the number of students whom may want to undertake study in a particular subject. Please note that some subjects may not be offered due to a lack of demand or due to timetabling restrictions.

At this time; we are only asking about interest in the subject not the qualification, some subjects will be full GCSEs and others will be equivalent qualifications, but this has not been decided yet. These indications **are not** a commitment on your son/daughters' behalf, they will however allow us to explore different qualifications, select the right ones and to make option blocks offering students the best choices.



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Currently, the subjects that we could look to offer are:

Food and Cookery

History

Art

Pottery

Performing & Creative Arts (Scaffolded course combining Food, Drama and Art)

Design & Technology

Drama

Physical Education (PE)

Media

Students have already begun to discuss plans for Key Stage 4 and their preferences with their Form Tutor and with other key staff. Naturally we would like your involvement; so that you have a full understanding and can be part of the decision-making process. **On Friday 3 May 2024**, we will be hosting a Curriculum Information Session beginning at 12.45pm. This will provide you an opportunity to find out more about subjects, meet with subject teachers and Year 9 Form Tutors to discuss the various possibilities at Key Stage 4, and to ask any questions that you may have. In the past the event has proven to be very useful and will help you and your son/daughter to make the right choices.

I would be grateful if you would complete the attached form, giving both your son/daughters initial thoughts regarding the subjects and whether you will be able to attend the Curriculum Information Session. Please return the form as soon as possible to the email [parents@moorhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:parents@moorhouseschool.co.uk) or to the school office itself.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on [carterdc@moorhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:carterdc@moorhouseschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Danielle Carter**  
**Assistant Headteacher (Year 9)**



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**Please return this form to School Office as soon as possible**  
**Key Stage 4 Curriculum Options for parents of Year 9 students:**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible subject interest:

Please **circle** a number in each box indicating how interested your son/  
daughter would be in taking the subject. Please use the following key:

- 1     *no interest whatsoever*
- 2     *is a possibility*
- 3     *desperate to take this subject*

Subject	Possible interest in taking as an option		
• Food and Cookery	1	2	3
• History	1	2	3
• Performing & Creative Arts	1	2	3
• Art	1	2	3
• Pottery	1	2	3
• Drama	1	2	3
• Design & Technology	1	2	3
• Physical Education	1	2	3
• Media	1	3	3

Curriculum Information Session – **Friday 3 May 2024** @ 12.45pm

Yes, I will be attending this event

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No, I will not be attending this event

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