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Key Stage 4 Curriculum Choices – Year 9 Options

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the next two months, your daughter will receive information about the curriculum choices available to students at St Marylebone in Key Stage 4. The National Curriculum allows a certain amount of choice within a broad and balanced curriculum. There will be opportunities for both you and your daughter to discuss options choices with Teaching Staff, Senior Staff and our Independent Careers Advisers.

In conjunction with the above you will also receive information about the GCSE 1-9 assessment measures that came into effect in September 2016.

As part of our GCSE options and guidance process we will be holding a Careers Inspiration Fair on the 14th February 2019 for students to attend with their parents. Professionals from many different industries will be present in school to talk to students about future career pathways and the industries they work in. The purpose of this evening is to provide students with the opportunity to start thinking about where their skills and interests lie and what career pathways they may be interested in following. This preparation will help focus students on picking the option choices that match up to their future interests. Further information about this event can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Please see below the key dates of the options process and how the school is supporting your daughter in choosing her GCSE options.

Throughout January	Student meetings with Independent Careers Advisers
Monday 28th January	Year 9 Parents Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm at Blandford Street
Monday 4th February	Y9 GCSE Options Assembly – Options process explained and options booklet given to students
Thursday 14th February	Careers Inspiration Fair 3.45pm – 5.15pm (main site)
Thursday 7th March	Options carousel for Year 9 students during periods 5 & 6
Thursday 7th March	Options evening for Year 9 students and parents/carers 5.00pm - 7.00pm (main site)
Monday 18th – Thursday 22nd March	Y10 students visit Y9 tutor groups to provide student perspective on GCSE study
Monday 25th March – Friday 29th March	Interviews with senior member of staff, parents welcome to attend. Students finalise GCSE option choices and hand in their signed options form

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me: s.george@stmaryleboneschool.co.uk. I look forward to seeing you at the careers and options evenings,

Yours faithfully,



Ms S. George

Assistant Headteacher - Curriculum

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Year 9 Careers Inspiration Fair, Thursday 14th February, 3.45pm-5.15pm, (main site)

We would like to invite you and your daughter to a Year 9 Careers Inspiration Fair on **Thursday 14th February**. There will be a number of employers from a range of sectors including **ICT, Engineering, Law, Media, Performing Arts and Architecture**, who will be available to talk to students about their job roles and the industries they work in. The employers will also answer questions about their different career paths and the skills and qualifications needed in their industry.

The purpose of the evening is to:

- Raise student awareness about different careers and entry routes to those careers
- Inspire students to develop new skills and interests
- Help students make informed decisions on which GCSE options to pick based on potential careers they are interested in

Pastoral and Senior Staff will be supporting the event alongside the school's Independent Careers Advisers Mr Jackson and Ms Kenneth to offer advice and guidance for students and parents.

Over the years we have found this event to be extremely useful when it comes to your daughter making her GCSE subject choices. It also serves as a great opportunity to engage in careers discussion with your daughter.

We would like all students to attend this event with their parents, however, if this is not possible please ensure your daughter comes independently. I hope you will be able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity. The amount of time you spend at the evening depends on how many professionals your daughter wants to talk to. I would encourage that they speak to as many professionals as possible. Nearer the event date your daughter will be provided with a mini resource pack to help direct conversations and allow students to complete some independent research prior to the event.

Please return the reply slip below no later than Friday 25th January to confirm your attendance. Please can I also ask you to indicate the time frame you will be likely to visit on the slip below. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



Ms F. Congdon
Assistant Head Teacher – Careers

Reply slip for Year 9 Careers Inspiration Fair Thursday 14th February 3.45-5.15pm in the Maths corridor

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Please tick the appropriate statement:

- My daughter will be attending this event and I (Parent/Carer) will be accompanying her _____
- My daughter will be attending this event on her own _____

Please circle likely time of arrival: 3.45 - 4.15pm 4.15 - 4.45pm 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____

Please return this slip to your daughters Form Tutor by January 25th.

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