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Dear Parent/Carer

When your daughter begins Year 9 in September 2021 she will be embarking on a very exciting phase of her education. Key Stage 4 represents the three years that lead up to the GCSE examinations and is a fantastic opportunity for our students to take control of their education and shape their future.

Our ethos is to ensure that our curriculum is ambitious and meets the needs of all our students. The variety of subjects available demonstrates its breadth and that is reflective of the aspirations and future career pathways of our students.

The new and updated options booklet will give you an overview of the Key Stage 4 curriculum, how the subjects are grouped as well as information about each individual subject and what students will cover as part of the course. Please do read this carefully as it will give you and your daughter a deep insight into the components of each course before you make those all-important choices.

We ask that you and your daughter consider these choices very carefully and select a range of subjects which are as balanced as possible but also meets her strengths and aspirations.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure that we meet the choices of each individual student, unfortunately this cannot always be guaranteed, as the viability of any course is dependent on the number of students who select it.

You will see that in Year 9 students study an extended curriculum of History Geography, Citizenship, RS, Music and Computer Science throughout the year. This extended curriculum is quite unique to us at Carshalton High School for Girls and although it will not be examined, it will continue to build on our Key Stage 3 content. We have introduced this additional curriculum time as we believe it is important for our students to have a greater depth of knowledge and aspiration in these subjects, hence their continuation into Year 9.

On Thursday 29 April, there will be option subject videos be posted on the school website that complement the information given in the options booklet. Mr Elstone will also be posting a pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation which will guide you and your daughter through the entire options process.

Key Stage 4 holds a wealth of exciting and interesting opportunities for every student, and I wish your daughter every success as we work together throughout the next 3 years. #teamchsg

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