



January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Key Stage 4 Guided Choices

I am pleased to be able to introduce you to our arrangements for the Guided Choices process this year.

Making choices to support future educational and career pathways is an important stage of school life. For this reason, the next two years are crucial to your child's future.

My job and the job of the team, is to guide your child in making the right choices. We have designed a curriculum offer which:

- Is broad and balanced across a range of both academic and vocational subjects
- Allows pupils to pursue courses in areas of particular talent or interest
- Provides a level of flexibility to meet the needs of pupils who might require support
- Links clearly to further study and future employment.

Over the next few weeks we will hold a number of important events:

Thursday 6 February 4pm-6pm – Year 9 Progress Evening. This is when you will meet your child's teachers to discuss progress and performance in recent tests.

Thursday 27 February 4pm – 6pm – Year 9 Guided Choices Evening. This is when you and your child will be able to visit and sample the various subjects on offer, see what each course entails, what will be studied and how the assessments work. This evening enables you to chat with the subject teachers and ask any questions you may have. Colleagues from Connexions will be available to provide any career advice.

At this event, you will be provided with the Guided Choice Booklet with an overview of all the courses on offer.

You will also receive a Guided Choices Form. It is an opportunity for you to have the discussions with your child between this event and the next one.

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Thursday 5 March – 1:1 Guided Choice Meeting. Your child will meet with a teacher and bring with them their Guided Choices Form. It is at this meeting that the subjects will be chosen. NB: If your child does not attend the 1:1 Guided Meeting then the school will assign your child to a subject. These meetings will take place between 1.15pm and 2.30pm. Mr Walker will write to you with further details. You are welcome to attend this meeting with your child if you are able.

I cannot stress enough how important each of these events is. The Year 9 Pastoral Team will follow up all non-attendance.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Walker, Head of Year 9 (matthew.walker@salford.gov.uk) or myself.

I began my letter stating the importance of this moment in your child's education and wish to end doing the same. ***The choices made now affect your child's future.*** For this reason, I ask you to support your child and thank you for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Earle
Mrs L Earle
Assistant Headteacher

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Year 9 Guided Choices Evening – Student Name

Please circle:

- We will attend Y9 Guided Choices Evening YES
- We cannot attend Guided Choices Evening NO
- We wish to arrange a telephone call to discuss Year 9 Guided Options YES

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