



Diss High School

Headteacher: Mr S Stopps

Re: Year 9 Options Process

16th February 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Next half term, Year 9 will be selecting their options for Year 10 and 11. We understand that this involves some big decisions and want to make sure that you and your child have as much information and guidance and possible to make the right choices.

Year 9 parents evening will take place over two evenings. On **Tuesday 12th March** you will have the opportunity to book appointments with your child’s teachers in core subjects (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and Languages). On **Wednesday 13th March**, teachers from the other subject areas will be available to discuss their courses and what they entail. In advance of these events, you will receive an information booklet detailing the options process and subjects in full. Students will also receive information in their lessons and assemblies next half term.

The majority of students will choose from two options routes:

EBACC Pathway A – The Core subjects as well as **History or Geography and French or Spanish** with two other option choices.

Core Subjects	EBacc1: Humanities	Ebacc2: Languages	Option subjects
Maths, English and Science	History or Geography	French or Spanish	Choose 2 remaining Option subjects

EBACC Pathway B – The Core subjects as well as **History, Geography, French or Spanish** with three other option choices.

Core Subjects	EBacc	Option subjects
Maths, English and Science	Choose 1 from: History, Geography, French or Spanish	Choose 3 remaining Option subjects

We recommend Pathway A for students interested in continuing with academic A Levels after school or who are considering going to university in the future. Pathway B may be more suited to those students who are interested in continuing with more vocational subjects post 16, whether at school, college or in an apprenticeship. For a small number of students, we may recommend an alternative pathway. In this case we will be in contact with you to discuss.

All students will also have dedicated PE and PSHE lessons over the course of the next two years. Once you have received all the information, please get in touch if you have any questions and encourage your child to talk with their form tutors and teachers about their options choices.

Kind regards,

Dr S. Busby
Head of Year 9

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MATTERS
80% attendance over 5 years is the equivalent to missing an entire year of school

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