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Dear parents / carers

Year 9 arts and design technology choices process

From the beginning of year 9 students will be specialising in their arts and design technology lessons. Students will continue to have 4 hours per week focused on arts and design technology. However instead of focusing on several different subjects they will now be selecting 2 from the list below to concentrate on. They will study their 2 choices for 2 hours each per week. The subjects students can choose from are:

- Art
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Photography
- Music
- Product Design (Woods/ Plastics or Fabrics)

Once students have chosen their subjects they will study both for two hours per week each during year 9. At the end of year 9 they will be able to choose to continue these subjects or choose from other subjects outside this group. If a student chooses not to follow a subject at this time they will not be able to pick it up again at the end of year 9, therefore students should consider carefully the subjects they wish to follow.

In order to help students make these choices we have compiled a booklet giving extra information on each subject. This is being shared with you along with this letter. Students will make their choices using an online form made available to parents during the week beginning 15 June.

In the meantime students can ask questions about subjects by emailing relevant subject teachers or speaking to their head or deputy head of learning.

Yours faithfully

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