

6th February 2025

Year 9 Options

Dear Parents and Guardians

The purpose of this letter is to outline the next stage of the option process and explain how we will prepare your son or daughter for the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4.

Students will receive their option pathway letter to bring home this afternoon. The pathway letter outlines subject choices and how to complete the options form. You are directed to the school website where you will find an electronic copy of the options booklet, as well as the attached copy here, and links to the online option form for your child's pathway; you will need the unique username and password from the pathway letter. Please note, the deadline for completing the online form is **9am Monday 24th February**.

School website: <https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/y9options>

We have tried to give students all the advice they need to make the right decisions for next year. During lessons, subject teachers have spoken to them about option subjects and students were encouraged to ask questions, speak to their teachers and seek out any further guidance they need. Mr Baillie, Head of Year; and Mrs Allport, Assistant Head, are also available to discuss choices and answer questions. There has been an assembly for students to show them how to access and complete the form.

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate students' subject choices, it must be understood that there may be financial and organisational constraints which might prevent the school offering some courses in certain circumstances. Therefore, we encourage you to make sure a reserve choice is given serious thought.

This is a really important time in the development of our Year 9 students' future. So, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to discuss any aspect of this further. We wish all of our students good luck in their choices and we know that with hard work, determination, self-motivation and organisation, they will be successful in whichever pathway they embark upon.

Yours sincerely

Mr Baillie

Head of Year 9

Mrs A Allport

Assistant Head (KS4 transition)