

28th February 2024

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 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 **Wednesday 13th March**.

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. Mrs Avery, Head of Careers; Mrs Morrissey, Head of Year; and Mrs Allport, Assistant Head, are also available to discuss choices and answer questions. There was an assembly for students on Tuesday 27th February to explain to 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.

Important dates

W/C 26 th February:	Subject specific information given to students through lessons and form periods; assembly for students
Monday 26 th February:	Website information goes live with options booklet
Wednesday 28 th February:	Pathway letters sent home; options form link on website
Wednesday 28 th February:	Year 9 careers event
Wednesday 13th March (9am):	Deadline for completion of electronic option form.

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

Mrs C Morrissey

Head of Year 9

Mrs A Allport

Assistant Head (KS4 transition)