

Wanstead High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Here is the Options Booklet with further information about each subject to aid with your final decision making. I have also provided access to the original video link explaining the process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16pVDMZNqT-87XW9TQP8ViqjGcJU7Bc9c/view?usp=share_link. As you are aware, we are trying to ensure more choice this year but this does mean the process is slightly more complicated for the school than normal. Please take the time to talk to your child about their subjects and read through the book together. Pupils will also be working in school using *Unifrog* to help explore career choices.

We will be holding a **drop-in event** in school during the afternoon of **15th March between 1-3pm** for you to meet subject staff in order to gain more knowledge about each course. I will be doing a short speech at 1.15pm and 2.15pm going over the process and the final choices and the final option blocks will be shared shortly before the event. On 15th March, the window will open for selecting subjects and pupils will have approximately 2 weeks to make their choices. Computers will be available in school to make the choices then and there if you prefer. This is a strike day and Year 9 pupils will not be in school on this day other than to attend the afternoon if they wish. If the strike is cancelled, this event may have to be rearranged.

As you are aware, subjects with very small numbers may not be able to run and we cannot guarantee first choices to everyone. However, we will work as hard as we can to ensure pupils can choose courses they enjoy and are good at. Final choices will be confirmed in the summer term. All of the choices depend, of course, on recruitment and retention of the right specialist staff.

As you know, members of the Leadership Team and Ms Gullefer plan to interview disadvantaged and SEND pupils to ensure they are making the right choices that are also ambitious. Interviews can be requested for other pupils if they are struggling to make choices. We discourage pupils changing courses once they have started.

Please complete the form to state if you will attend the afternoon and whether you would like an interview for your child. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegQwOGki3jQbbyebu80x-McBTc7Db9_fiHIFgPK9H6VbOhdQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We look forward to working with you to make the right choices for your child and we will request your feedback at the end of the process.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Hillman
Headteacher

