



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear parent/carer,

## Year 9 Options 2022

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 marks the start of Year 9 options month. The original dates were changed from their usual time slot in the academic calendar due to COVID restrictions in January and February.

We have been busy working on a series of remote opportunities for you to contact staff and gather information that your daughter will need to make her choices. One opportunity is the virtual parents night on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for which you will have already have had a letter explaining how so make appointments.

Another opportunity to find information is via our website:

[www.st-anthonys-academy.com/news-events/year-9-options-2022/](http://www.st-anthonys-academy.com/news-events/year-9-options-2022/)

On this dedicated Year 9 option page you will find:

- A 15 minute presentation from Mr McDonagh, Deputy Head, about the options process
- A downloadable booklet of information about the courses in St Anthony's that will be taught in Key Stage 4 in the academic years 2022-24.
- A series of short information movies about the option subjects.

We hope that this will be the starting point for all year 9 as they begin the process of selecting their options. This website is now live and will remain so over the full option period.

To complement the website, Mr McDonagh will make a presentation to all Year 9 during classroom visits on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. He will be explaining the process as well as visiting each child in class to issue them with and explain their options pathway. Subject leaders will be organising talks in lessons explaining what students can expect in that subject at Key Stage 4. For the new subjects of Enterprise and Childcare whole year group presentations will take place remotely during tutorial time.

Students are encouraged to speak to their subject teachers about their suitability to study courses. They should also take the opportunities during tutorial times to speak with tutors or other pastoral staff to help them make their decisions.



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We are aware that many parents will also have questions of teachers about the suitability of their daughter to study a certain course in Key Stage 4. To facilitate this we are introducing a system that will run from **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022** to allow you to ask questions and advice.

If you have questions or need advice, we would ask you to email the school clearly stating your daughter's name and question in the email. Send your email to:

[Enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:Enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com)

In order for the email to reach the correct person quickly, please use the guide below to help you fill in the email subject bar.

- If you have a question of a current teacher of your daughter please start your subject with Year 9 Options followed by teacher name and subject  
e.g. Year 9 Options Mrs. Armstrong Mathematics
- If you have a question of your daughter's tutor please start your subject with Year 9 Options followed by tutor's name and tutor  
e.g. Year 9 Options Mrs Collins Tutor
- If you have a question about one of our new subjects of Childcare and Enterprise please use one of the following contacts:  
Year 9 Options Mrs Dakin BTEC Enterprise  
Year 9 Options Mrs Jackson BTEC Childcare
- If you have a question of Mr McDonagh please use the subject label  
e.g. Year 9 Options Mr McDonagh
- If you have a question of Miss Elliott please use the subject label  
e.g. Year 9 Options Miss Elliott
- If you have a question of Mrs Tomlin please use the subject label  
e.g. Year 9 Options Mrs Tomlin

Staff will respond as quickly as possible but please be patient as they may have a number of enquiries and they will be dealt with in order of their arrival. Please check your junk e-mail



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folder as sometimes replies are directed there and allow **3 full working days** before contacting the school/member of staff if you have not received a reply.

**The deadline for all option forms to be returned is 11am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

Students should hand their completed forms into their tutors who will pass them onto Miss Elliott the Assistant Key Stage Lead for Year 9.

We hope that the information in this letter and on our website will enable you and your daughter to make informed choices.

Thank you for your continued support over the past year.

Mr M McDonagh  
Deputy Head Teacher



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