



15 January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I trust the switch to online learning is going well and the students are progressing well in their studies. In our bid to keep the school term as consistent as possible for them (and you), we still plan to run our Year 9 GCSE options evening on Wednesday 27 January. Mathematics, English and Science are compulsory GCSE subjects but, at this point in their education, students get the opportunity to select some subjects to study in greater depth. They must choose 4 of the option subjects, making a total of between 8-10 GCSEs. We recommend (but do not make it compulsory) that all pupils study one Humanity subject - Geography or History or Religious Studies and one Modern Foreign Language - French, German or Spanish. Then, normally, any two of the following subjects, Art & Design (Art or Textiles), Music, Physical Education, Drama, Food Studies, Business Studies and ICT.

Prior to the 27th, we will send home a copy of the GCSE options form, you will use this form to tell us which option subjects your daughter would like to study next year. Then, on the 27th, we will all start the evening together at 5.45pm, we will share the meet link with you nearer the time. In this session, we will discuss the different pathways in English, Mathematics and Science. After this introductory talk, there will be a series of five 20 minute live presentations with Q and A delivered by all the separate option subject teachers. Each department will repeat their 20 minute session 5 times throughout the evening. The meets will run at the following times 6.20-6.40pm, 6.40-7.00pm, 7.00-7.20pm, 7.20-7.40pm and 7.40-8.00pm.

The google meet links for these sessions will need to be accessed through the students' google classroom area. There will be one, clearly named, classroom for each subject and your daughter will need to log in to these using her Claires Court account, in the same way she currently joins her online lessons. Tutors will ensure she has already joined the classrooms and we will share a recording of each subject's presentation shortly after the event.

We suggest that you choose which five option 'subject meets' you want to join for your own records but we will send you a form to pre-register for each session.

For example:

6.20-6.40pm option subject	_____
6.40-7.00pm option subject	_____
7.00-7.20pm option subject	_____
7.20-7.40pm option subject	_____
7.40pm-8.00pm option subject	_____

We also plan to hold a Year 9 Parents Evening during this week. Teachers of English, Mathematics and Science will be making appointments to call home and talk to you about how well your daughter is progressing.

If you have any questions please contact lit@clairescourt.net. We look forward to meeting with you on the 27 January.

Yours sincerely

Louise Thomas
Deputy Head Academic

Steve Richards
Head of Senior Girls