

INTRODUCTION

Dear Student,

The end of Year 9 and the choices you will make is a very important time in the life for any student. It is the first time that you have had any real choice about the courses you will study and the exams you will take in 2023. This may seem a long time away but will be here before you know it.

It is important you listen carefully to advice offered to you, think carefully about what the best choices for you are and choose carefully so that you are picking for the right reasons.

The right reasons:

- ✓ You know you will do well in the subject
- ✓ You enjoy the subject
- ✓ You need the subject for your future career

Changing subjects is not simple or always possible and will always involve catching up with missed learning. Take care with your choices.

The wrong reasons:

- ✗ Your friends are doing it.
- ✗ You think it will be easy.

Everyone in the country has to study certain subjects like English, maths, RE, PE and science. At The Bemrose School, PSHE is also compulsory as we believe that it is very important that students can understand how the world works.

As part of the options process, you will have an interview to discuss your options choices. We will advise you as to the best subjects you should be studying. If your classwork and grades do not seem suitable for a subject, you will not be able to take that course. Please also be prepared for a further conversation if a course does not have an uptake and run (if only a small number of students select it) so also consider other courses you would be interested in. However, where possible we will try and build a timetable which gives students what they want.

We hope all of you going into Year 10 next year will follow our advice and that of your parents/carers. We hope you choose wisely and enjoy your choices next year. We look forward to your continuing success at The Bemrose School.

Mr Neil Wilkinson.