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Dear Parents

I/GCSE choices

Next term we ask the students in Year 9 to make their I/GCSE choices for the next academic year. I am writing to let you know the schedule so that you are aware of key dates and the opportunities for discussion.

As part of this process, some Personal Development (PD) lessons this half-term are devised and run by the Careers Department and designed to support the students in how to make informed decisions. All Year 9 students have also been given the opportunity to create their Morrisby Profile by completing 'Aspirations' a newly developed interactive questionnaire, and Mrs Trump, Head of Careers and Professional Guidance, has already written to you about this. The questionnaire measures career interests and preferences towards organisational types and roles, work environment and work style and the results feed through to subject suggestions for I/GCSEs as well as future career suggestions.

Key dates:

Tuesday 8 January	PD lesson: presentation to the students by Mr Morris, Director of Studies, on I/GCSE options. The PowerPoint slides from this presentation will be available in the Parents' Area of the school website in Information – Option Choices and students will be given a paper copy of the draft option blocks. I/GCSE option booklets will be sent home with the students.
Wednesday 16 January	Year 9 Parents' Meeting from 5–7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss your daughter's overall progress and her I/GCSE choices.
Monday 21 January	Students will be emailed the link to the online options form.
Friday 1 February	I/GCSE options deadline is 4.05pm. From this point Mr Morris will work on the options data and conversations will take place with students and parents over any issues that might arise as a consequence of the choices made.

Alongside all this, students can of course talk with their tutor and other members of staff throughout the process, and I am sure there will be plenty of discussion at home. If you have any further queries, please contact your daughter's tutor. Alternatively, pastorally-related issues are best directed to me and logistical questions to Mr Morris (cmorris@shsk.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Nash'.

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