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Dear Parent / Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update on our **Year 9 Options** process. At Hans Price Academy, we pride ourselves on offering a wide range of courses which not only enable students to be successful, but also provides students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to move onto the next stage of their education.

All Year 9 students at Hans Price Academy have completed an online form, indicating which subjects they would like to continue to study as they progress from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4. Students have selected 4 subjects as well opting for 2 reserve choices. Reserve choices are used if:

- the number of students opting for a subject or course exceeds class size.
- two subjects your child has opted for are both taught at the same time.
- your child has opted for a course that is not viable to deliver.

I can confirm that all courses offered to Year 9 students will be running next academic year (2024-2025) except **BTEC Creative Media**. If your child has opted for this subject, it is likely that one of their reserve choices will replace it.

I can assure you that we will not make any decision without consulting your child and students will have an opportunity to opt for a subject not listed as a reserve choice if they wish to do so, provided there is space within that subject.

As I am sure you can appreciate, creating an academic timetable is a lengthy and complex process and we are continuing to ensure the process supports our students to make the best decisions. We have now begun to meet with all Year 9 students on an individual basis to ensure that the subjects they have selected are appropriate and suitable for them.

For some students, we do offer supportive challenge to check that the choices your child has made are for the right reasons. I'd like to thank you for your continued support of your child and the Academy during the options process; a process that empowers students to take ownership and responsibility for their studies.

Please do come and see me outside the main hall at the bottom of the green steps on **Thursday 2nd May** between **4:15pm and 7:15pm** if you have any questions related to their options.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Alex Macaulay
Raising Standards Leader for Year 9



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