

## Key Stage 4 Courses and GCSE Options Selection Process 2021

We will begin our KS4 courses and GCSE option process with Year 9 students in January 2021.

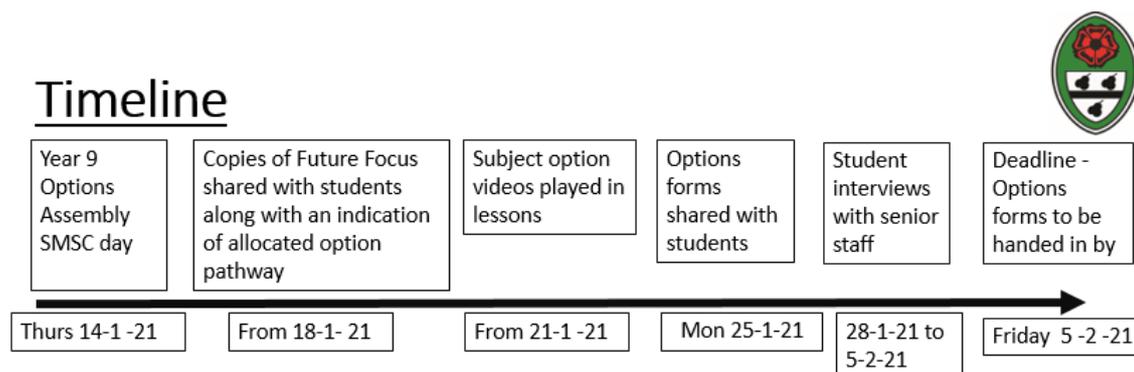
The start of the KS4 options process marks an important time for students in their journey through school, it is the first opportunity that students have to decide some of the subjects they would like to study. This is an exciting time to be choosing option subjects because never before have students at Nunnery Wood High School had so much specialist advice and guidance available to help them decide which subjects they can study.

This academic year we are unable to run our usual KS4 options evening, the event will be replaced with a series of KS4 options information videos. These will include an overview video outlining the whole options process and individual videos for each of the option subjects on offer to students. Our options information videos will be made available to students and parents/carers in January 2021.

In order to help students, make the correct decisions at this vital time in their educational career, they will receive a 'Future Focus' booklet which not only outlines specific information about the courses on offer but also provides self-reflection activities designed to support them in the choices that have to be made. Students will bring this booklet home as we find that it also enables parents/carers to practically support their children throughout this decision making process. Each student in Year 9 will have a senior member of staff linked to them throughout the options process, the relevant colleague will meet with their allocated students, advise upon selections and confirm option choices.

It is important to emphasise that our options process will follow a supportive 'pathway' approach. Each student has been assigned to a specific options pathway and this has been designed to ensure that each student selects GCSE courses that maximise their future potential. Full details about the pathways will be presented to students prior to the options process in an assembly, are shared in the 'Future Focus' booklet and can be explained in person by a member of the senior leadership team during student option meetings.

Summarised below is a brief overview of the KS4 option process timeline so that students and parents/carers are fully aware of our planned actions.



We look forward to assisting students with their KS4 options and the imminent decisions they will have to make. If you need any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Williams (Deputy Head) at the school directly.