



Stepney All Saints School

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Headteacher: Mr P Woods

27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the series of Options assemblies that have been planned for your child leading up to the **Virtual Options evening on Wednesday 10th February 2021**. These will take place in the Great Hall or remotely in tutor rooms every Monday morning. We expect your child to be in school at 8.25am on these days so that we can have a prompt start at 8.40am. Assemblies are for Yr9 pupils only, and is an opportunity for them to find out more about their GCSE Option subjects.

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| ■ W2 Mon 23 rd Nov 2020 | Options programme launch |
| ■ W1 Mon 30 th Nov 2020 | Media studies / GCSE PE |
| ■ W2 Mon 7 th Dec 2020 | BTEC Business/ HSC Cambridge Technical |
| ■ W1 Mon 14 th Dec 2020 | Psychology/ Sociology |
| ■ W1 Mon 11 th Jan 2021 | Computer studies & BTEC ICT |
| ■ W2 Mon 18 th Jan 2021 | Drama/ Music |
| ■ W1 Mon 25 th Jan 2021 | Art & Design and Design Technology |
| ■ W2 Mon 1 st Feb 2021 | History/ Geography |
| ■ W1 Mon 8 th Feb 2021 | Separate Science |
| ■ W1 Wed 10 th Feb 2021 | Virtual Options evening |

The projected timeline for the Options process is:

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| December 2020 | Two PSHE lessons on Options |
| February 2021 | Pupils will receive a copy of the Options Booklet (also available on the school website)
Virtual Options evening 10 th February
Taster Options choices (via Google form)
Taster lessons |
| March 2021 | Mock Option choices (via SIMS Parent App or sims-parent.co.uk web portal) |
| April 2021 | Final Options choices (via SIMS Parent App or sims-parent.co.uk web portal) |
| June 2021 | Pupils will be informed of their Option choices |

There will be a section on careers and the Options programme in the library that your child will be able to access once it re-opens in the New Year. This will be led by the Careers Manager, Mr Uddin who your child can approach for further guidance.

In the meantime, we ask that parents sign up to the SIMS App if you haven't done so already. I have arranged for another invite to be sent to you on 24th November 2020 and the email address will appear as '**noreply@sims.co.uk**'. Please check your junk email if it doesn't appear in your inbox, and follow the links in the email to register your account.

It is important that you discuss with your child their particular career interests, their strengths and weaknesses so that they can make informed Options choices. Below are some useful websites you can go through together:

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

<https://successatschool.org/>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-14>

In addition to this, please remind them that their progress in *all* of their subjects in Yr9 helps the Options team decide if they are suitable for the courses they have chosen and not just English and Maths. They must continue to work to the best of their ability regardless of whether they choose a subject for GCSE or not.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Ms S Begum – Assistant Head Teacher

Mr A Hoque – Head of Year 9