

19th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 9 → YEAR 10 OPTION PROCESS: LEARNING FOR LIFE 2017

Aims of the Options Process

Silverdale aims to offer a broad and balanced curriculum to all students enabling them to fulfil their potential and progress successfully to post-16 education, training or employment.

The options process is entitled 'Learning for Life' and is designed to give you and your son or daughter all the information necessary to make appropriate choices. As 'Learning for Life' implies our Key Stage 4 provision enables all students to choose courses to prepare them not only for continued success in education but also in the work place and to be successful and active members of the community. Silverdale's KS4 curriculum enables students to access courses that fulfil all the requirements of the English Baccalaureate. Individual advice and guidance will be available to each student as part of the KS4 Options programme to ensure that the courses selected are appropriate to each student's abilities, interests and progression route. Full details of courses and how to make choices will be issued in the 'Learning for Life' booklet early next term.

What happens next?

In order to finalise our curriculum model for September 2018, we may ask the students to give an indication of some of their choices to help us decide on the final structure of option choices this year.

We are aware that students will be indicating provisional choices based on limited information at this stage and students are, of course, free to change choices when they complete their form in February following the Options process.

Timeline

Please note the process outlined below will access pupils to information and guidance on all courses.

- **Wednesday 10th January** – 'Learning for Life' booklets issued and assembly delivered on 'Learning for Life' Options
- **December and January** – In the PSHE lessons each student will have access to careers information and guidance.
- **Thursday 25th January** – 'Learning for Life' Options Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- **29th January → 16th February** – Student/Parent consultations to discuss programmes of study with a member of school leadership team.
- **26th February → 2nd March** – Window for return of Options Choices Form. Where courses are oversubscribed a prompt return may secure a place. Under-subscribed courses may not run.

Please note that the booklet issued in January should answer many of your questions and inform you of the staff to contact with any queries.

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You will receive a separate letter explaining the Triple Science course option. All students and parents have an opportunity to talk to staff at Options Evening followed by a consultation with a member of the school leadership team. I will issue a letter early next term informing you about the format of the evening.

We look forward to working with you to enable your son or daughter to choose appropriate and engaging programmes of study at Key Stage 4.

Yours sincerely

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