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Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a reminder of our GCSE Options process which is now in full swing.

From **5pm to 7.30pm on 6th February** you are invited to come into the school with your child to attend our Options Evening. This will give you an opportunity to see what each subject offers, discuss your child's suitability and provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions with the subject teachers. I will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the process.

After this Options Evening, students will be asked to express interest in the option subjects that they are considering. This 'straw poll' will provide us with an idea of what subject combinations are popular and thus allow us to shape a timetable for next year that ensures that the vast majority of students can take their first choice options. The deadline for the 'straw poll' will be on the first Tuesday after we return from Half Term - **Tuesday 24th February**. From this accumulated data, a formal preference document will be created with the options divided into two option blocks.

From **5pm to 8pm on 11th March**, you will be invited into the school again for our Parents' Evening. This will give you an opportunity to get detailed feedback on the progress of your child from their subject teachers.

We are confident that given these opportunities, in addition to the GCSE Preference Prospectus which will be electronically sent out shortly, you will have all the information you need to help your child make the right decisions for their GCSEs.

The deadline for the final preferences to be submitted is 20th March.

If you have any queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wicks at robert.wicks@sirthomasfremantle.org

Yours sincerely

Bobby Wicks
Head of Year 9

