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Dear parents and carers

Outcome of the Year 9 options process and a webinar.

I wrote to you last week to say that we would inform you and your child of the outcomes of the options process today.

The options process is a complex process of trying to balance what your child would like to study with what we are able to offer, afford and provide the specialist staffing for. In this process we do all we can to meet as much demand as we are able to and in the majority of cases we have been able to do just that.

It has taken longer than we initially had hoped to finalise the process this year as we have sought to solve this complex problem. However, we are now in a position to publish what we have been able to do.

We have been able to give the majority of students most of their choices and, in some cases, put on extra classes to meet demand. So, for instance, we have put on an extra class in Art and Photography.

However, each year, it is always the case that we are not able to fully satisfy everyone's requests.

For instance, this year we could not meet the demand in History and Geography and get all the other option choices to work and so we have had to allocate some students to a different subject. We have done this by looking closely at how they have been doing in class, how they did in their recent assessments and by talking to individuals.

In one case, we have not been able to offer a subject (iMedia) as we could not provide the specialist staffing to teach the students as well as run our computing curriculum in full across all other year groups.

In school this afternoon, your child has been given a letter outlining their option subjects for next year. There is an email address set aside specifically to answer any queries you might have. Please use options2021@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk to contact us regarding options if you need to.

If your child is not in school today, we will give them their letter on Monday or post it home to you.

We are holding a webinar for Year 9 on **Monday 12th July at 5.45 pm** to talk in earnest about the start of your child's GCSE course. It will include how we will be supporting them next year and what you can do to help them do their best.

I would like all parents, carers and students to sign up for the webinar via this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x_IPSFUdSr-jZvtlWo5eAQ

Please register in advance for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

I look forward to speaking with you via the webinar in the next few days.

Yours faithfully,

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