

February 2022

Key Stage Four Options Process

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now at the point in Year 9 where we would like students to make some choices about the subjects they will be studying in Years 10 and 11.

We have dedicated a section of the school website to helping you and your child making informed choices. This can be found [here](#). On the website page there is an introductory video, explaining the options process, the [Options Booklet](#) and video presentations for each qualification.

Your child has been placed on **Pathway B**, meaning that they will study eight qualifications at Key Stage Four. The detail behind this is explained in both the Options Booklet and in the introductory video about making options choices.

We want students to take time to consider their options choices. Over the course of the next few weeks, in Personal Development and in subject lessons, teachers will work with students to help them decide which courses they would like to follow.

We are holding an **online Parents' Evening on Monday 7th March** where you can make video appointments to discuss your child's progress in English, Maths and Science and also where you can talk to teachers of the optional subjects your child is considering for next year. We recommend that you and your child attend the online appointments together.

The school has introduced a new, easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. You will be able to book five minute video appointments. If you would like to talk to a member of staff about a SEND or pastoral matter, please contact school separately.

Appointments can be made from 9am on Wednesday 23rd February and will close on 6th March. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit [SchoolCloud - Limehurst Academy](#) to book your appointments. This [link](#) gives further information about how to use the video call system. Please note that you will need to be on each call at the exact time booked.

You will need to login with the following information (this needs to be the same information that we hold on record at school – please contact school if you are unable to log in or if you need to update any of this information). When entering your child's name, you should use the 'preferred name' they use at school, if this differs to their 'official name':

Your Details

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Email:

Student's Details

First name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Who to make appointments with?

For English, Maths, Science (GCSE Combined and Separate Sciences), Modern Foreign Languages (GCSE French and Spanish), PE (GCSE PE and Cambridge National Sports Studies) and PD (GCSE Citizenship) you will be able to make appointments with a single teacher.

For the following subjects, you can choose to make separate appointments with teachers of specific qualifications:

Art and Design:

GCSE Art: Miss Gamble

GCSE Textiles: Mrs McGillan

GCSE 3D Design: Mr Marina-Chouhan

GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition: Mrs Cole

ICT

GCSE Computer Science: Mr Redman

Cambridge National in IT: Mrs Khodiara

Humanities

Geography: Mr Cresswell or Mr Wheeler

History: Mr Parrish or Mrs Corker

Performing Arts

GCSE Drama: Miss Prentice

BTEC /GCSE Music: Mr Simpson

I will write to you again in March, at which point we will ask students to complete an options form.

Yours sincerely

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