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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year from all of us here at Farmor's!

Following on from our Options information evening last term, we would like to invite all Year 9 parents and students to our **Y9 Options Fair** on **Thursday the 23rd of January.** The event will take place in the school hall and gym and will run from **5pm till 7:30pm**.

This evening allows students and parents to meet with core subject teachers (English, Maths and Science) to discuss your child's Year 9 progress. Please reserve your appointment slots using **our online booking system** <u>https://farmors1.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</u> which will then free-up adequate time to visit GCSE subject stalls in the gym, where further information about the GCSE courses can be gained and questions asked. Students have been asked to come ready with questions to ask subject teachers so conversations at home in the run-up to this evening would be beneficial. While this evening can be very exciting for students, please try to stick to appointment times with core subject teachers as there is no guarantee there will be time thereafter to catch up if late. Please refer to the guidance letter from Dr Bettington on booking appointments with Science teachers.

Following this evening, the **Options JotForm** for student completion will go live the next day on **Friday the 24th of January** via our school website. A link will be shared through our In-touch messaging system and via the Friday Bulletin. The **Deadline for completion is Monday 3rd February.** The option form is submitted via the school website. Options are not made on a first-come-first-served basis, so there is no advantage to completing the options form before the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding the Options process, there will be a helpdesk available where we will be happy to answer any of your questions. Our careers advisor, Liz Lloyd, will also be present should your son/daughter be thinking ahead and have any queries about their future pathway, but again a reminder that GCSE options choices do not set limitations when choosing to study A-levels further down the line.

Kind regards,

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