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Dear families

The purpose of this letter is to outline to students and families the process for choosing options for current Year 9 students transitioning into Year 10.

At this time of the academic year, students make choices about the options they would like to study at GCSE. At Dixons Fazakerley Academy, we place a high value on an academic EBacc curriculum and, as such, all students will study English Language, English Literature, maths, combined science, a modern foreign language and a humanities subject (geography or history). All students will also follow a GCSE Short Course in Religious Studies.

We feel that this combination of subjects will prepare all of our students for a successful future and put them on level terms with the best in the country.

On Thursday 26 January from 4-6pm, we invite families to the Academy for our Year 9 Options Evening. This will provide you with the opportunity to listen to presentations from some of our Subject Leaders and get answers to questions.

Students will be required to make four choices: either geography or history; French or Spanish and make two further options from a variety of other subjects including a range of BTEC vocational qualifications. We will also ask students to make a reserve subject choice which we will use depending on viability i.e. the numbers of students opting for a subject.

### **Selecting Options**

Options choices will be made via Microsoft Forms – this link will go live from Thursday 26 January.

By Monday 7 February, all students in Year 9 will need to have completed the form. Please get in touch with Mr Walshaw at [jwalshaw@dixonsfa.com](mailto:jwalshaw@dixonsfa.com) or Mr Roberts at [aroberts@dixonsfa.com](mailto:aroberts@dixonsfa.com) if you have any worries, queries or concerns.

Once we have received and collated the options lists, we will write to you via email by Wednesday 15 February to confirm your child's options for Year 10.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Andrew Roberts**  
**Vice Principal**  
**Dixons Fazakerley Academy**

