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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 / history). 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 27 January, options presentations will go live on the DFA website including an options booklet, pre-recorded subject presentations and other useful information.

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

Selecting Options

Next Thursday, your son / daughter will be sent a link to their academy email address. This link will take them to an online form which they use to make their options. Please sit with your son / daughter, read the booklet together and watch the pre-recorded materials put together by our subject specialists. For those of you wanting to speak directly to a member of staff, we will be holding an SLT drop-in from 4pm to 6pm in the Dining Room.

By Monday 7 February, all students in Year 9 will need to have completed the form. Please get in touch with Mr Roberts at robertsa@fazakerleyhigh.org if you have any worries, queries or concerns. Once we have received and collated the options lists, we will write to you by Wednesday 16 February to confirm your child's options for Year 10.

Yours faithfully

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