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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Year 9 Guided Choice process and Preparation for Year 10

All Year 9 students will soon be choosing the Key Stage 4 courses they wish to follow from the start of Year 10 until the end of Year 11. As students make their choices, it is important that the process, information and support available are clear and that you know how to support your child in making these decisions for their future.

The curriculum at Lord Grey Academy is designed to secure strong aspirations and ambitions for all our students. It supports our young people to become effective learners and responsible community members, confident to achieve their place in a fast ever-changing world. Throughout the curriculum, we focus on delivering knowledge effectively, assessing it rigorously and ensuring our students retain it. As all young people must remain in full time education until the age of 18 we believe that it is important that the curriculum in Year 10 and Year 11 is broad and allows students to be well prepared for their choices post 16 either at Lord Grey Academy or College.

All students will access a core curriculum which includes:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science - either Combined or Single Science course (this will be advised by your child's Science teacher)
- Core PE
- Core RE/PSHE

Students will study a further 3 option subjects. Students' preferences together with their subject progress and suitability will be taken into account throughout the guided process. The first decision is to choose **at least one** of the following subjects: Geography, History, German, Spanish or Italian. *If you choose German or Spanish it must be the subject that you have been studying in Year 9. Italian can be chosen no matter what core language you have studied.*

The next decision is to choose two further subjects, which could include the subjects not already chosen above, or any other two subjects listed in the Guided Choice brochure which will be issued via Parentmail and student email.

Please see the timeline for the full Guided Choice process:

Monday 22nd February

Launch of CareersPilot to students in form time. Students will spend time looking at their career aspirations and focusing on the qualifications needed to take their next steps at 16 or 18.

Friday 12th March

Drop Down Day for Year 9 - no regular lessons for Year 9 student. Students will be able to log onto the Lord Grey Academy virtual school as usual but access a Guided Choice drive where 30 minute Year 10 lessons will be available for students to experience or to see further what the subject may be like in a Year 10 lesson.



- Friday 12th March** Guided Choice booklet will be made available via Parentmail and student email for students to use to access the guided choice virtual school experience. This will explain all of the different courses on offer. It also contains advice on achieving a broad and balanced range of subjects. Please can you look through this booklet with your child.
- Wednesday 17th March** Google form for Guided Choice will be emailed out to your via Parentmail and your child's email.
- Wednesday 24th March** Deadline for the completion and return of Guided Choice Google form. Your child must make their final choices and return the completed form by Wednesday 24th March.
It is important your child contacts their subject teacher, tutor and Inclusive Learning team, if applicable, and makes full use of the advice and guidance available prior to returning the form.
- Summer Term:** Subjects will be allocated and confirmed with students.

Throughout this process, our independent and impartial careers and destinations advisor Joanna Brown will be supporting the school and the students and you can contact her via joanna.brown@lordgrey.org.uk.

If you have any questions, please do contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. If you are experiencing difficulties in accessing the Guided Choice booklet or any of the resources please contact sophie.white@lordgrey.org.uk. A limited number of hard copies can be made available in exceptional circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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