

18 January 2022



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Y10 Curriculum 2021-22

As we progress through the Spring Term we are working hard to plan for next September with regards to the curriculum and qualifications that our current Year 9 learners will study when they begin in Year 10 in September 2022.

Throughout Years 7 to 9 the curriculum at Holderness Academy offers all learners a broad and balanced diet of a wide range of subjects and areas of. The content that our learners' study and the skills that they develop form the foundations of the GCSE and other vocational qualifications that learners will be awarded at the end of Year 11.

The Year 9 options process allows learners the opportunity to choose which courses they will continue with to form their Year 10 and 11 curriculum and timetable.

Through this process we aim to personalise and support learning for all students by:

- Offering an exciting and wide-ranging curriculum
- Providing learners with choices of courses of study
- Providing high quality and impartial advice and guidance for all learners to educate them about the choices available.

To support our learners in making an informed choice we all have a role to play; teachers, parents and members of the local community. During the next two months, running up to Year 9 learners choosing their options, you and your child will have access to a range of information and there will be opportunities for discussion with learners and staff.

An outline of the key dates has been provided below.

Friday 21 January	Options booklet distributed
Monday 24 January	Assembly Year 9 – Pathways Process
Tuesday 25 January	Assembly Year 9 – Design and Technology, Art, Photography, Music
Wednesday 26 January	Assembly Year 9 – Philosophy and Ethics, PE, Health and Social Care, Science Separates
Thursday 27 January	Assembly Year 9 – Business, ICT, Modern Foreign Languages
Friday 28 January	Assembly Year 9 – Humanities, Drama
Thursday 3 February	Pathways Evening* The evening will include a presentation from the Associate Headteacher, Mr Wobbaka. This will set out the process for choosing options and the points for you and your child to consider whilst making their GCSE subject choices. There will also be an Options Fair in Lower School, where each department will be present to discuss their subject with you and your child. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the different subjects offered for GCSE and to ask any questions you may have.

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Friday 4 February	Pathway Forms distributed by Form Tutors
Monday 7 - 18 February	Individual interview with each learner
Monday 28 February	Pathway Forms returned to Tutors.

** In the event of a rise in Covid transmission rates, we may revise the date that the Pathways Evening takes place or change the evening to an online presentation. If there are any changes you will be notified.*

If you have any questions about the pathways process please contact the following email address options@holderness.academy.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Wobbaka', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Mr Wobbaka
Associate Headteacher