



10th February 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils

RE:- OPTION CHOICES FOR YEAR 10 COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2017

Your Son/Daughter will begin their two year IGCSE programme of study in September 2017. All pupils in the UK must study a core curriculum that includes Mathematics, Science and English (or the pupils' equivalent home language). In addition, it is compulsory for pupils to be taught Physical Education as well as PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education) and careers; these are non-examined subjects.

It is important that pupils study a balanced curriculum that gives them the breadth of subjects, whilst taking into account how much work and revision time is needed for each individual subject. It is recommended that pupils study between 8 and 9 examination subjects.

It should be noted that for most pupils Science will be counted as a double award (2 IGCSE's) and that English includes both English Literature and English language (this therefore will count as 2 IGCSE's).

Pupils are now being asked to start considering which non-core optional IGCSE subjects they would like to study from September.

Subjects that are included in the optional curriculum are shown on the accompanying form. These, however, will only be available if an appropriate number of pupils choose to study the subject. For this reason we are also asking pupils to select **2 reserve** subjects in case their first choices are not available.

Please can I ask that over the Half Term holiday you discuss and select options with your son/daughter and return the attached form with your choices by **Monday 20th February 2017**. If you would prefer to email the form to me, then please use the email address below.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on caroline.ward@iesmail.com. May I also highlight the forthcoming **Year 9 Options Parent Evening on Thursday 9th March**, which will be an opportunity to finalise choices, meet subject teachers and raise any questions that you may have.

Kind regards

Caroline Ward (Mrs)
Deputy Head



IGCSE SUBJECT OPTION FORM

PUPIL NAME: _____

Core Subjects

Subject	No of IGCSE's
Mathematics	1
Coordinated Science	2
English Language or English as a Second language	1
English Literature or Home Language	1
Total	5

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

Please read the accompanying letter for details and guidance.

Please select **4 optional** subjects that you wish to study for IGCSE using a tick ✓ and **2 reserve** subjects using an **R** to indicate reserve subject.

Subject	Choices ✓ or R	Subject	Choices ✓ or R
Spanish		Computer Science	
French		Business Studies	
Exam PE		Food and Nutrition	
Geography		Art	
History		Drama	
Religious Studies		Music	

Please return to Mrs Ward by **Monday 20nd February 2017**.