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Dear Parents and Carers

## Confirmation of Options Pathway

I am writing to you to share with you the next steps in Year 9 Options process following on from the successful options evening held last term and to confirm that your child will follow the **BLUE** pathway for Key Stage Four.

Pupils can start to complete their Options form from today using the link below. The deadline for completion of this form is **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. This deadline will ensure pupils have the opportunity to have appropriate discussions and make an informed choice over the subjects they would like to continue to study.

### [Blue Pathway - Options Form 2023-24](#)

At Malet Lambert we strive to provide an ambitious curriculum which we feel will best prepare pupils for a successful future. This is central to the decisions we make when designing our curriculum offer.

By following the blue pathway, your child will follow the core curriculum including:

- GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science Trilogy
- A humanity (GCSE Geography or GCSE History) or a modern foreign language (GCSE French or GCSE Spanish)
- Core PE and PSHE

Pupils can then select **three** additional options from the list and then **one** reserve option.

Pupils following the blue pathway can still choose to study both a humanity and modern foreign language which will mean they are eligible for the **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**. More information regarding the significance of this can be found at the end of this letter.

When selecting their options, it is vital pupils are aware of key details such as what content is covered by the course, how is the course assessed and will this course support me with my future plans.

Information relating to all of this can be in the Options Booklet 2023-24, a link to which can be found below:

### [Options Booklet 2023-24](#)

In addition, we would like to share the following link which have video presentations relating to the different options subjects:

### [Options Videos](#)

## Further Support

You can request more support on choices and pathways via your child's Head of House. If pupils have questions regarding subjects that they do not currently study, contact details for the relevant subject leads are available on the website and included in the options booklet. We also have our Careers Leader, Miss Powell, available to support with any questions around progression routes.

## Key Contact Details summary

| Contact  | House                 | Email address                                  |
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| Miss Powell  | Careers Leader        | laura.powell@maletlambert.hull.sch.uk          |
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| Alternatively, please call 01482 374211 asking for your child's Head of House or Careers Leader requesting a call. |                       |  |

A full list of contacts and FAQs is available here:

[Options FAQ's](#)

More information on the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) can be found below:

### The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

To be awarded with the **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**, pupils must achieve a GCSE grade 5 in English, Maths, a science, a language, geography or history must be achieved.

The Department for Education state:

*The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.*

*Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.*

*A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.*

More details are available here – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-ebacc/english-baccalaureate-ebacc>

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are all here to help your child through this process.

Yours faithfully,



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