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Dear Year 10 Student and Parents/ Carers

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Planning for GCSE Options Choice 2023-24

To help with our planning for next year's curriculum, we are asking Year 10 students to identify the subjects which, at this stage, they may wish to study at GCSE level. As such, I would ask that students complete the Google Form using the link that has been e-mailed to them via their C2k account, giving an indication of their current subject interests in order of preference. (They will need to use Google Chrome to access the link).

At this stage in our planning, we wish to gauge the likely uptake for courses. Students are therefore asked to consider all the information provided and then complete the Google Form, giving an indication of their current preferences in order of priority. This should be submitted by **Wednesday 15th March.**

To assist students and parents / carers in making their initial selection, **detailed guidance is provided in the GCSE Subject Choices booklet** which can be found on the school website.

Optional courses are offered subject to demand and timetabling requirements. Following students' initial selections, optional courses for which there is sufficient demand will be grouped into option blocks for timetabling purposes. These blocks will be based on the best fit of students' initial preferences.

In June there will be an opportunity to discuss with a member of Hunterhouse College staff the final selection of GCSE courses that students will make. The GCSE Subject Choices booklet outlines the criteria which will be used to guide each student towards a final selection which will maximise their potential. At that stage choices must be made within the options block structure.

Completing the Google Form for current optional GCSE preferences:

Firstly

- Select either Double Award Science **or** Single Award Science & Level 2 Occupational Studies
- Detailed guidance is given in the GCSE Subject Choices booklet. Students who are uncertain about their Science choices can consult with their Science teachers about their potential and check that choices will be suitable for any planned career paths.

Secondly

- Follow the guidelines in the GCSE Choices Booklet when choosing.
- Choose 4 optional courses in total, from Band X, or Band Y or from both.
- **Make sure to number the choices 1,2,3,4 in your order of preference (plus add an additional reserve choice).**
- **An additional choice of Further Maths (outside school hours) can be selected.**

Thirdly

- Complete the section on current career or further study interests. This will help us to guide your final choices in June with reference to your ambitions.

If you require further assistance with completing the form, please contact Mrs H. Dowds (Head of Careers) at hdowds537@c2kni.net.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andrew Gibson (Principal)