



Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents,

### Year Nine to Ten Options

This evening we should be hosting the Year Nine to Ten Options evening – the start of you and your son choosing his option subjects for Year Ten.

Nothing can replace the opportunity to talk to each of the subject teachers in person, however we have collated as much information as possible to help you make your decisions whilst we remain in our virtual worlds.

Your son will have already experienced different option subjects this academic year and, from today, you will be able to access his full school report which will give you details on how your son has been progressing in each subject.

To help you make your choices individual teachers have created videos summarising their subject and how the lessons run in years Ten and Eleven in context with Year Nine. We know that boys will struggle to put names to faces so we have also included a department overview for each subject, including a photograph of each teacher.

With the recent changes to GCSEs and the 9 – 1 grading, we have been focusing on the skills required to be successful in each subject (including BTECs) and found that, as you would expect, there is commonality across most. We have summarised these skills across all subjects and also for individual subjects, depicted in clear infographics to help you consider what is required at different levels of each qualification. You will also find a summary of the specification for each subject based on the exam board we are currently using for Year Ten pupils.

I hope this will go some way to replacing the information the teachers would have provided this evening and that together with your son's annual report you will feel as well informed as you can be in these circumstances. It feels like there is a lot to plough through and to make it as easy as possible we have collated the information in a OneNote with different sections and pages to break it down into relevant sections. In addition, to make navigation easier we have included hyperlinks to help you move to relevant sections quickly. This works particularly well for the subjects – so when looking at the timetabled blocks you can click on the qualification title and it will take you directly to the section on that subject.

There are changes as to how the curriculum is delivered in Year Ten and Eleven. LDC is blocked with the options so that boys continue to access their therapy sessions without missing out on vital lessons. Please do listen to Mrs Cavannah explain how this works, in the *Support – LDC and Exams* section.

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We ask that you, therefore, select LDC in one of the blocks and then three different subjects in the other blocks. The blocking is provisional and currently works with the rest of the whole school timetable which is, of course, a good starting point! However, there is still potentially room for movement and every year we work hard to accommodate as many first choices as possible. If you do find that you have a clash, then please make this clear on the return form and I will do everything I can to resolve the issue. This may take a while and needs to be based on the whole year responses, so please be patient and I will be in contact with you as soon as I can.

Of course, we don't expect that we can answer all of your questions through this information alone. In the *Submitting Your Choices* section there is an online return form where there is an option to request information, either by email if it is a general question, or you can request that a member of staff contacts you. I would ask that you use the form rather than emailing staff directly as it will allow us to co-ordinate the process and ensure that requests go to the right person and don't get lost in mailboxes.

**Link to the OneNote:** [MHS Year 9 - 10 Options](#)

There is plenty of time. Final submissions from pupils communicating their choice of subjects are not required until Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

If you have any problems accessing the OneNote please do not hesitate to contact the school office administrative team at: [schooloffice@morehouseschool.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@morehouseschool.co.uk), there will be someone there during normal working hours to help you.

Yours sincerely,

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