



# The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent

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Thank you for your continued support with our remote learning. Year 9 students continue to produce excellent work for their teachers and are participating well in live lessons.

Last academic year your child chose the first two subjects as part of their Key Stage 4 options. During this term, your child will be making their final two Key Stage 4 option choices.

The Option choices are designed in a way that enables students to complete Year 11 with a strong combination of qualifications which will ensure they can progress onto the next stage of their education or employment. Students will choose two subjects. One from Option 1 and one from Option 2.

**Option 1:** students will choose between:

- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Spanish

**Option 2:** students will choose one subject from the following list of subjects:

- History
- Geography
- Spanish
- Drama
- Childcare
- Business
- ICT
- Construction
- BTEC Sport
- Hospitality and Catering

If you child selected one of the Option 2 subjects in Year 8 and began studying it in Year 9, they would not need to select it again. Instead they would select an additional subject from the Option 2 list.

To support your child with this choice the Humanities departments have ran sample GCSE Geography and History lessons and also produced a narrated PowerPoint for students to watch. This has been posted on Satchel One and on the academy website. The new subjects to Key Stage 4 have also produced information PowerPoints for students to watch and have also been posted on Satchel One and the academy website.

During this week in Ready to Learn, students will undertake a straw poll to give an indication of their choices. This is to provide planning information at this stage and is not the students' final choice. When we ask for final choices we will include parents in the decision making, meeting online or in person to offer support and guidance.

If you have any queries about the process or any aspects of Year 9 please do not hesitate to contact the Year 9 team.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Harker – Vice Principal



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