

Year 9 Futures Day 24th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to confirm that the Year 9 Futures Day will go ahead as planned on 24th February as a live event. The full programme is attached to enable you to discuss and plan parts of the day with your child.

The purpose of Futures Day for Year 9 is to raise awareness of the pathways they can follow into their future, how to make the right decision for themselves and prepare them to make the right choices for their next step into KS4.

Following an introduction, the first activity will require pupils to log in to an exciting programme called **Fast Tomato**. This programme has been designed to help young people broaden their horizons and consider a broader spectrum of career and education options. Pupils take a short psychometric questionnaire which gauges interests, attitudes and motivations. They are then presented with career and education suggestions, personalised to them.

A series of options talks will then follow, broadcast simultaneously and pupils will be expected to select one of four talks every 20 minutes. For this to work effectively, pupils must join their chosen event prior to the broadcast start time and it is recommended that you discuss with your child which talks they would like to attend and plan their route in advance.

Examples of the sort of choices pupils could make are shown in the diagrams below

10.00	Physical Ed (PE)	Food & Nutrition	History	French
10.20	Design Tech	Art	German	Geography
10.40	Music	Construction	Religious Studies	Computer Sci
10.55	Break			
11.20	Drama	Land Based Studies	Physical Ed (PE)	German
11.40	Food & Nutrition	Art	Religious Studies	French
12.00	Construction	History	Geography	Music
12.20	Land Based Studies	Design Tech	Drama	Computer Sci

Pupil will listen to these talks	
10.00	History
10.20	Geography
10.40	RS
11.20	German
11.40	French
12.00	Music
12.20	Drama

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10.20	Design Tech	Art	German	Geography
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11.40	Food & Nutrition	Art	Religious Studies	French
12.00	Construction	History	Geography	Music
12.20	Land Based Studies	Design Tech	Drama	Computer Sci

Pupil will listen to these talks	
10.00	PE
10.20	Art
10.40	Construction
11.20	Land Based Studies
11.40	Food and Nutrition
12.00	Music
12.20	DT



Option talks are followed by a broadcast from Andover College and a broadcast explaining apprenticeships.

After lunch Leaders from English, Maths and Science will broadcast information about career paths opportunities from studying these core subjects followed by a presentation from Mr Page about the options system.

Tutors will then re-join, offering support with the option booklet and supporting pupils to complete an online “straw poll” and careers portfolio design to collect pupils’ thoughts about their careers planning and thinking.

It is worth noting that **live events** work differently from the usual calendar lessons in so much as pupils can post questions but only presenters can see these. Presenters have the choice to reply to the individual or to all depending upon the relevance of the question.

The online Futures Day will be followed by **two Options and Consultation Evenings on 11th and 25th March 2021**, during which parents and pupils will be able to engage in discussion with teachers about their progress and options considerations. The first of these evenings will commence with a broadcast about the options system. This will be recorded so that parents and carers unable to attend can watch at a time convenient to them.

More information about how to sign up to these parent events will follow in due course.

Kind regards,

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Year 9 On-line Futures Day Live 24th February 2021

Time	Live Event			
	Broadcast to all Year 9			
08.50	Introduction to the day			
09.00	Introduction to Fast Tomato and how to access it. (Fast Tomato is a careers profiling programme designed to broaden career aspirations).			
9.15	Fast Tomato lesson with tutor support (opt into your tutor group link)			
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	OPTION TALKS			
	Choose one broadcast – Pupils can write a question to the member of staff broadcasting. No one else can see the message. The member of staff can choose to reply to the individual or everyone.			
	10-minute broadcast – 5 minutes for questions			
	Pupils must join the meeting of their choice before the start time using the links placed in the 'All Pupils' team post. These will appear approximately 5 minutes before the start of the broadcast.			
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10.55	Break			
11.20	Drama	Land Based Studies	Physical Ed (PE)	German
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12.00	Construction	History	Geography	Music
12.20	Land Based Studies	Design Tech	Drama	Computer Sci
12.40	Andover College: Options Post 16			
13.00	Apprenticeship: What are the options?			
13.15	Lunch			

14.00	English, Maths & Science: Career paths
14.20	Options booklet: Explaining how to use the book and understanding the options process.
14.35	Options booklet: Exploring the booklet Options Straw poll: Forms questionnaire telling us your first ideas Year 9 Careers Portfolio: Collecting together all your career plans and thoughts.