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Year 9 course selection process for Key stage 4

Dear Year 9 parents, carers and students,

This letter addresses your enquiries about the Year 9 Key Stage 4 course selection process and provides the link to the film called 'Year 9 Subject Leader guides'.

Thank you for watching the recorded Year 9 Assembly presentation. As a reminder, you can click on this link [here](#) to go straight to the Assembly presentation or go to Year 9 Teams → Class Materials → the folder called '**Key Stage 4 course selection process**'.

The second part of the Assembly presentation (Slides 16 – 23) explains the courses and qualifications on offer and the special arrangements for some subjects. In these slides, it is important to note the subjects that *cannot* be taken in combination. There are no exceptions to these arrangements. So, all students must choose a PE course in Selection 1 and must choose either RS or Citizenship in Selection 2 before moving on to choose their other subjects.

The Subject Leader Guides

In addition to the Assembly presentation, there is also the '**Subject Leaders guides**', a film lasting about 90 minutes. Mr Brown introduces and closes the film. Thereafter, each course qualification is explained by the Subject Leader. This film replaces the informal meetings that students and parents would have had with Subject Leaders during the Key Stage 4 course selection evening in school. You can navigate to different subjects in the film by using the time references provided. Hover over the red dots below the film screen to pick up the subject titles.

The film is hosted on the school website. Click on this link [here](#) or go to the red section, on the right-hand side of the 'Curriculum' page and click on the tab called '**Year 9 - KS4 course selection process**'. On this page, you will find all of the documentation relating to the course selection process.

In his introduction to the film, Mr Brown advises parents and students to have the Key Stage 4 course selection booklet to hand, as well as the 'Key Stage 4 course selection yellow form'. You can access the form from the list of documents below the film link on the website or go to the same folder as the Year 9 Assembly. The first thing you will notice is that the form is not yellow! It is being revised by our website designer, so that you can complete an on-line version. Please do not attempt to fill it in. You will be sent an



email when the on-line form goes 'live' at the beginning of March. But the reason that parents are told to look at the 'yellow' form during the film is because Subject Leaders talk about their courses in the same order in which they appear on the form and it lets you see how the on-line version will be presented.

Key dates

25th February	Year 9 Parents Evening for Blue Community, Red Community and Green Community Form Groups 1 – 4.
Beginning of March	Key Stage 4 on-line course selection form goes live (Details to follow).
4th March	Year 9 Parents Evening for Yellow Community, Purple Community and Green Community Form groups 5 – 9.
17th March	Deadline for completion of Key Stage 4 on-line course selection form.
22nd & 23rd March	Final check-in meeting with a member of the school Leadership Team (Details to follow).

Please continue to ask for help if you have queries during the next few weeks: send an email to admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk and write 'KS4 course selection' in the subject line. Either Mr McGee or Miss Hoad or I will contact you. We look forward to supporting you and your daughter at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Head Teacher