

### **Advice from our Head Prefects to Year 9 pupils about the KS4 options process:**

“I think the most important thing to consider when picking your KS4 options is that you will be doing a lot more of the subjects you pick. For example, if you pick triple science some days you will have multiple lessons of science. This means you should really enjoy the subjects you choose as you'll be more willing to put in the effort for the subject. In year 10 and 11 you should be revising often so if you enjoy what you are learning, the revision will become a lot easier and you are likely to do well in the subject. Another key thing to remember is not to choose a subject based on the teachers. It's never certain that you'll have that teacher so choose the subject based on the content rather than who teaches it.” Sophie, Head Prefect

“Throughout year 9 I was thinking about the subjects that I was enjoying and achieving highly in as well and that helped me pick my subjects for the final 2 years of secondary school life. I wanted to look at my timetable in year 10 and feel excited and happy to go to school because I knew I was studying subjects that I had a keen interest in. Yes, I knew it was going to be a period with a lot of hard work and dedication but it's all worth it in the end when you get given your final grades. So, my main piece of advice when picking your KS4 options is to think to yourself what subjects you are going to work the hardest in and enjoy at the same time.” Max, Head Prefect

“I know that it seems like a really long time away, but it is always worth considering what subjects you can see yourself enjoying and progressing with after GCSE's and where you see yourself in the future. Even if you do not know what you want to do when you're older (and that's completely fine!) recognising the kind of jobs, areas of study and subjects that you have a real passion for and interest in can be helpful when making these decisions. Everybody says it but choosing the subjects I enjoyed the most in year 7, 8 and 9 and could see myself working within 10 years time, are the subjects I was motivated to work the hardest for which has allowed me to take them forward after year 11.” Natalia, Head Prefect