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Dear Parent/Carer

'Year 9 Moving into KS4'

Students in Year 9 are about to embark on the very busy process of considering their subject choices for the start of Key Stage 4.

We started this process last week with an introductory session on Options delivered by Mrs Ambrose. This presentation is now available on the website. Within this session we asked the students to begin to consider their futures – *what they think they may like to do in the future and what qualifications they will need to get there.*

In addition to this session, starting today, all students will receive a guidance interview with a senior member of staff who will discuss a range of suitable courses which are available for your child to consider. We are not asking students to make their option choices at this stage. We have deliberately excluded involvement with subject staff and parents as we want the students to consider all the available options with neutral influences, rather than with any pressure from subject staff or parents.

On 9 December 2011, students will bring home a copy of their latest Performance Tracker, a copy of their Futures Information Form and a copy of the Options booklet which contains the different subject content to help inform student choices.

On Wednesday 4 January 2012, we invite parents and students to attend the Year 9 Options Fair. The evening will be divided into two parts – a formal presentation by ourselves explaining the pathway structure and application process and also the opportunity to visit subject stalls in the Desborough Hall to gain further insight into the different courses by looking at examples of students' work, specification detail, methods of assessment as well as talking to specialist subject staff.

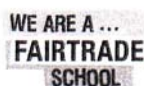
We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that all students will begin their GCSE courses in June 2012. When students return after the half term break, they will all receive a new timetable and new teaching groups and begin their journey through their GCSE courses.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sally Ambrose
Assistant Head teacher

Mr D Rowland
KS4 Coordinator
Head of Ascott House



Year 9 Options Fair
Wednesday 4 January 2012
Desborough Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Format of the Evening:

6.00pm Halton and Waddesdon Houses to visit the subject display in the Desborough Hall. Students and parents can view subject stands and talk to specialist subject teachers

Mr Woolley will be available to offer individual advice and guidance to students

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7.30pm Mr Rowland and Mrs Ambrose will be available in the Dining Hall to answer students' questions