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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will know, Year 9 is the time when our students select their KS4 options. This is a really important decision with the implications affecting further education and potential career opportunities. Our aim at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy is to support you and your child through this process so that you can make informed decisions about what your child will study in Year 10.

It is important that your child chooses subjects and methods of study that interest and motivates them. They need to spend time thinking about what they enjoy doing, what keeps them interested in something and what makes them work hard.

Information about each subject that can be studied is available on our website, providing details of the course. Please take time to look through this with your child and discuss with them their preferences.

In addition to our core offer of English, maths, science, ethics and core PE, student will select either history or geography plus 2 other options. This is to ensure that all students are provided with a balanced curriculum for KS4. We also ask that students make 2 reserve choices as some subjects may not be suitable or may be oversubscribed due to popularity.

To support you with this choice, I would like to invite you to the Year 9 Options evening which will take place **on Wednesday 25th February 2026**.

On arrival, you will have a presentation about the options process with key dates and information the curriculum at KS4. Following this, you will have the opportunity to visit departments and discuss courses with staff.

Due to the number of students in the year group, we have split the evening into sessions to ensure that everyone has the ample time to make an informed decision.

5pm – Invite only via Mr Oakley

5:30pm – Students with surname A-H to attend presentations followed by department visits.

6pm – Student with surname I-Z to attend presentations followed by department visits.

Once you have had chance to speak to staff, there will be tablets available in the mall area to complete your options selection. However, if you wish to have more time, there will be links to the form sent to you or QR codes available for you to take away. The final date for options to be selected is **Wednesday 11th March 2026**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Croft', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Croft – Vice Principal (Quality of Education)