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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Year 9 Options

As you may be aware, it would typically be around this time in the academic year that we would begin the options process with Year 9 students.

This would normally consist of a series of assemblies, along with a Year 9 Options Evening (scheduled for 15th March) for students and parents, designed to provide a full overview of the different subjects and courses available for the students in Years 10 and 11.

As students are not in school at present, combined with the fact that we cannot currently hold an Options Evening, we have taken the decision to delay the options process this year.

The choices that students make are often guided by their teachers. Our concern at present is that there is less opportunity for students to talk to staff on an individual level about the subjects they are interested in. Without this guidance, students may be making choices without a full understanding of what they are signing-up for, nor an appreciation of what their course choices might lead to in the future.

Our intention is to start the options process once students are back in school. At present, we know that the 8th March is the earliest date students will return. If students do return at this point, we will run the options process in the lead-up to Easter. If students are not back at that point, we will look at the first weeks after Easter as a possibility.

If, as we move forward it becomes clear that students may be working remotely for longer, we will plan for a remote options process. Please be assured that whenever the options process takes place, we will keep you informed of the events, resources and requirements for yourselves and your sons and daughters. Please also be assured that no-one will be disadvantaged by this delay; we are committed to maintaining our broad curriculum and take pride in the fact that students at Leek High School have such a wide selection of courses to choose from

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as they move forward with their education. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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

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