

4th May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the Government's decision to close schools in England from Monday, 23rd March, Castle View Academy have been developing a way of capturing Year 9 option choices remotely. With this letter you will find an information booklet written before the closure with details about the course and guidance on how to make your child's choices. All information is also available on the Academy website for you to see. The online form has been sent to each student's school email address. If you are unable to access the online form, a paper copy can be made available.

To ensure the courses on offer are the best for all students, three pathways will guide the choices. The choices in each option block will depend on the pathway given to each student.

Your son/ daughter has been placed into **Pathway One**. This decision was based on Rank Order Assessment data and performance in each subject. This gives you a full range of subjects, both academic GCSEs and vocational Level 2 subjects.

We ask that your child makes their choices and return these by 15th May 2020. This is so we can start to plan the new timetable and be ready for our return to school. Please note that we may need to discuss their choices with you/them if we feel they need further guidance in choosing the right subjects to study for the next two years. If this is the case, we will contact you. It is really important that every student feels they have had the best guidance despite the testing circumstances we currently face.

A great deal of time and thought has gone into ensuring that each student is in the right pathway. As you look through the information, please feel free to contact your child's tutor or Head of Year 9, Jennie.coles@castleviewacademy.org.uk who will be able to answer your questions and advise you. Alternatively, you can also email me at james.webb@castleviewacademy.org.uk, where I will do my upmost to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely

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