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Dear Parent/Guardian ,

We are writing to make you aware of the Key Stage 4 Options schedule which will commence this term. Key Stage 4 is an exciting time for pupils as it is the first time there will be an element of personal choice in what they can study. It is also the first time that courses studied will lead to external public examinations.

At Belfast Boys' Model School, we aim to ensure that each pupil follows a broad and balanced curriculum, that provides them with the excellent qualifications and skills necessary to progress to Senior School, Further and Higher Education, apprenticeships or employment and their future career pathway.

Pupils will receive a range of support & guidance as they make their choices and we encourage them to make the best choice for them, after speaking with their parents/guardians and teachers. All boys have an individual Careers interview with a member of the Careers team. We try to offer flexibility and choice to meet pupils' needs and we will guide your son every step of the way

This table details all the sessions/events your son will be taking part in to help them with their GCSE subject choices:

| Date | Session/Event |
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| 19 th February | Careers Convention – 45+ employers, Further & Higher Education providers |
| 21 st February | Earning Power of Qualifications presentation |
| 27 th February | Subject Fair – pupils can talk to pupils currently studying the subject – <i>what the subject is like; skills to be successful and assessment format.</i> All boys will be given a hard copy booklet of all the subjects on offer at this event. Please read through this carefully with your son to find out about each subject. |
| 7 th March | Assembly – new subject presentations; explanation of process – how to vote using MS Forms on Year 10 Team |
| 11 th March | Year 10 Parent – Teacher subject consultation - School Cloud, online <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1 voting opens – open vote with all subjects listed. Deadline 13th March• Boys must choose 4 subjects• DA Science & DA Travel & Tourism takes up 2 choices |
| 18 th March | Final Choice Subject Choice Form issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subjects in block format. Deadline 21st March• Boys must choose 1 subject per block• DA Science must be chosen in 2 blocks• Occupational Studies – 2 options MUST be chosen |
| 14 th – 20 th March | Individual Careers interviews – pupils interviewed by a member of the Senior Team to discuss their options, pathways, etc. |
| 24 th – 26 th March | Final choices form sent home and form signed by BOTH pupil & parent |

We hope this gives you an indication of what to expect. Further guidelines will be added to our school website – Parents – Subject Choices 2025 at each stage.

If you have any questions at any stage, please email Mrs. Deehan – kdeehan546@c2ken.net or Mrs. Ryan (Curriculum Leader Careers) - nryan320@c2ken.net

Yours Sincerely

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