

February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Choices 2021

Your daughter is now halfway through Year 9. This is the time for her to start to look ahead to her GCSE courses with all the exciting opportunities this provides.

All students will follow the core curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, PE and PSHE. In addition to this, there is also the offer of a choice of subjects including Languages, Humanities, Art, Design and Technology, Sport and Performing Arts.

The school has a commitment to all students completing a wide range of courses during Years 10 and 11. This is to ensure they are supported to keep their options open for future education and careers. At Northampton School for Girls, we work with you in many ways to support your daughter's aspirations. Your daughter may already have a clear idea about the choices she intends to make and may have considered this for some time, or she may not yet be sure about the choices she is intending to make. We actively encourage your daughter to work alongside her Form Tutor to support her to make the right decision, alongside the expertise of subject teachers if required.

The process for making these important choices will be different this year as we continue to work remotely. However, your daughter will have the same opportunities available to her as previous students and our range of options remains unaffected.

Choices Week: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February

- Subject Teachers will share information about courses during lessons.
- Form Tutors will give details to students of how to make good choices, offering advice and guidance throughout the week.
- Subject information and general details will be published on the school website.
- **Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (Thursday 25th February)**
Your chance to speak to subject teachers about current progress and aptitude for the subject at GCSE. The booking of appointments for this evening must be made between **Friday 12th February 4pm** and **Tuesday 23rd February at 1pm**. Any technical support please email web@nsg.northants.sch.uk.
- **Year 9 Assembly (Friday 26th February)** given by the Heads of Year - Mrs Coverdale and Mr Kowal.

Choices Webinar for Parents: Tuesday 2nd March

You are all warmly invited to join myself and the Headteacher, Mrs Taboada-Naya at a full 'virtual' presentation and information sharing session about the 'Choices' process. This session will also include full details of how to submit preference choices. As part of the session, you will also have the chance to ask any questions you may have about the process.



These webinars will run on 'Zoom' during the evening; full details of the exact timings and how to book will be shared with you closer to the time.

Following the webinar, your daughter will be sent a Google Form on which to submit her choices. The deadline for submission will be **Friday 19th March**.

My colleagues and I look forward to supporting you and your daughter through this exciting phase of her education.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Smith

Assistant Headteacher

