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To: Parents/Guardians of Year 10 students
Cc: Bursar

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Planning for Key Stage 4 and Parent Consultations

Further to my recent letter, I would like to remind you of the Options event on **Wednesday 16th March** when we have set aside part of this day to meet with you and your child. Only Year 10 students are required to attend.

You and your child are invited to attend between **12.30pm and 2.30pm** to discuss your child's progress with teachers. Students are expected to accompany their parents.

An information booklet outlining potential pathways for all students has already been given out and this is also available on the Blackwater website in the letters home section.

So far, we have done initial trials of options with students and the latest version of the option blocks is enclosed with this letter. Please discuss this with your child and complete it then return it to your child's form tutor on Monday. This will not be the final version, but we are keen for you to understand the stages in this process. Changes will be made on the basis of the students' interest in subjects.

It is important to note the following:

- while all subjects are currently on offer in these option blocks, the number of subjects will reduce, according to student interest and staff availability
- further versions of the options blocks will be trialled before final decisions are made
- students should seek the guidance of their form tutors and the careers teacher to make sure that they are not ruling out possible career paths at this stage.

Next week we will text a link for you to make an individual appointment on Wednesday 16th March with either Mr Taylor or me to finalise choices at which options will be chosen for KS4 study. It is important to book an appointment and while we would request that you make it in the time frame on this letter, it may be possible to arrange an alternative if required.

I hope that you will attend on 16th March so that we can continue to work together to find the best pathway which will allow your child to succeed at Key Stage 4.

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