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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Academic Options at Ellesmere College 2010: Years 8 to 9**

The curriculum consists of core subjects for all pupils in Year 9. These are English, Mathematics, the three sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Physical Education.

Although the choices for GCSE options are not made until Lent term in year 9 we do introduce some choice as pupils move from Lower to Senior school. Clearly if a subject is dropped at this stage it cannot be picked up again for GCSE.

The subjects where there are choices available for year 9 are in the creative and language areas. They are Art, Drama, Design, French, Latin, Music, and Spanish.

It is anticipated that these subjects will be available in four option blocks. Pupils will choose one subject from each block. Support for Learning and English as an Additional Language, as a chargeable extra, will continue to be available and it is strongly recommended that these be chosen as one of the four so they can be timetabled into the school day.

The attached form is to enable the collation of data and it would be appreciated if you could complete it and return it to me by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010. If there are uncertainties about your son or daughter's choices please indicate in the comment box.

The Parents' Meeting scheduled on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 will provide an opportunity to discuss with teachers and tutors the appropriate choice for your daughter/son. This meeting is preceded by a presentation on the transition from Year 8 to 9 and will include information about the options and the pastoral system. This will take place in the Arts Centre at 5.30.

I hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend then please contact your son or daughter's tutor for any information you need.

Yours sincerely,

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**Provisional Choices. Please CIRCLE four only  
It would be helpful if you could number them in priority order  
of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> choice.**

Circle Choice	Put Priority No 1-4	
Art		
Design		
Drama		
French		
Latin		
Music		
Spanish		
Extra Support lessons	Maths	
	English	
Non-native English Speakers; EAL English as an Additional Language		

Name of Pupil
_____
_____
Form Tutor
_____
Tutor Group

If a pupil receives support or EAL lessons it must be selected as one of their four choices so that it can be properly timetabled into the day.

Please return this slip to Lower School Office, marked for my attention and return by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 2010. It will then be passed on to me.

Thank you

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Enquiries
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