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Dear Parent,

Academic Options at Ellesmere College: Years 9 to 10

It may seem rather early to be writing to you about the course of study your child will be following in September 2017, but I am raising the topic so it can be discussed over the coming weeks.

The curriculum consists of core subjects for all pupils in Year 10. These are English Language and Literature, Mathematics, and at least two sciences or pupils can opt to do all three - Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In addition all pupils will receive Physical Education as a practical course, not a GCSE. Some may also choose PE as a GCSE subject.

All other subjects are chosen from option blocks. Pupils will choose one subject from each block and I will build the blocks from the information given on the completed preference forms. Support for Learning and English as an Additional Language, as a chargeable extra, will continue to be available. The full details of each subject can be read in the booklet that you will receive in the end of term mailing. It is also available on the website.

The Parents' Meeting scheduled for Friday 27th January 2017 will provide an opportunity to discuss with teachers and tutors the appropriate choice for your daughter/son. If you are unable to attend, or would like to discuss choices then please do not hesitate to contact the personal tutor allocated to your son or daughter.

I enclose a form to fill in to indicate your son or daughter's subject preferences, please can this be returned to Dr T Gareh, Head of Middle School, by the end of January 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 10 Options : For September 2017

Please return by end of January 2017 Return form to your tutor who will pass it on to Dr Gareth

All pupils will follow GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature

Pupils must:

- ◆ Tick four option subjects
- ◆ Select either all three or at least two Science
- ◆ Indicate where learning support or Extra English lessons are needed (where English is not first language)
- ◆ Please indicate priority by numbering choices 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th
- ◆ Indicate in comment box below if you require any further information

Name of pupil : _____

House & Tutor : _____ *(leave blank if new pupil joining Sept 2017)*

Option Choices	Tick & put priority number
Art	
Business Studies	
Computer Science	
DT Product Design	
Drama	
French	
Geography	
History	
Latin	
Media Studies	
Music	
P.E. (GCSE)	
Religious Studies	
Spanish	

Science Options (tick **two** or ***all three**)

Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	
*Please seek advice from your Science teacher if opting to take all three sciences	

Support for Learning (English)	
Support for Learning (Maths)	
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	

I confirm I have discussed and agreed these choices with my son/daughter.

Signed:

(Tutors may sign on behalf of the parent of a full boarder where parents have agreed) **Date:**

If you are not currently attending the College, please send this form into Admissions within a week of receiving it (you risk not getting the options you prefer if you fail to return this form promptly).

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