

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an exciting time for Year 9 students at John Spence. We are embarking on our Key Stage 4 Option process where students need to consider their preferred GCSE subject choices. We hope to provide you and your child with the support needed to make informed decisions.

So far in your child's schooling, study has largely been determined by the National Curriculum. As we prepare now for KS4, there are still some aspects of the curriculum which are pre-determined. Students are expected to study GCSEs in English, Maths, Science and either Geography or History. Some students may wish to gain the EBacc qualification and for this they will need to study French. Even so, there are still some genuine choices to be made.

At John Spence we offer a range of courses; one of our aims is to tailor the curriculum to meet individual needs and interests, whilst supporting every student to achieve the highest standards possible for them.

To this end, students have already had the opportunity to:

- Take part in a wide variety of career based workshops and events
- Consider possible career paths and completed a career cloud
- Complete an Options Passport
- Watch presentations from subjects and assemblies on growing job opportunities in the region

### **Options Information appointment Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

This is a very important appointment for parents and students to attend, to find out more about the courses the school offers and to meet with senior staff to discuss your child's progress and how ready they are to face the demands of the GCSE's. If your appointment is during the school day, your child will be allowed out of their lesson to meet you for their appointment.

To make your appointments please login at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/johnspence>

**To login you will need to enter:**

- Your first name and surname
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

Please note that places are limited on some of the courses and also that some courses may not run if there are insufficient numbers. Students need to submit their completed options form to their form tutor in registration on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

I look forward to seeing you on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and working together to support your child on their GCSE journey.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Clay  
Deputy Headteacher