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Dear Year 11 Students (and Parents for information)

Year 11 Sixth Form Options

On Friday 20 November you will be issued with the important booklet SIXTH FORM ENTRY *An Introduction to Advanced Level Courses*. This gives details of all A level and 5th subject options available at RGS in the Sixth Form. You should read the booklet very carefully and be sure to make a note of any questions you wish to ask your Form Tutor, Mr Gallagher or me over the following week.

We would usually have had a Year 11 Sixth Form Options Evening at this stage but unfortunately due to Covid are unable to proceed with this. Instead on **Tuesday 24 or Wednesday 25 November** (depending on which form you're in) you will be attending an assembly at which I will be going through some of the points in the booklet with particular emphasis on how you choose your A Levels and additional subject. I will then send home the powerpoint for your parents to watch and you will have the opportunity to consider it at greater length and check out some of the links in it.

Immediately after the two assemblies you will be able to enter your A Level Option Choices online using the link via your SIMS Student App. If you have not yet got the Student App up and running you must, ahead of the assembly, go to your RGS email account where you will find an email inviting you to register (check carefully as it may be in your Junk / Spam folder). Once registered you will receive an account confirmation email with a link to the Student App. If you have any difficulties, please go to the Curriculum Support Office where Mrs Gamester or Mrs Wood will help you. Without the Student App you will not be able to access Options online and input your A level options.

It is important that you, in consultation with your parents, enter your choices **by 9.00am on Tuesday 1 December** when the online system will close. Please be aware that, at the end of the Options Form, you will see a box entitled "Parent/Carer Approval". This has been disabled and DOES NOT have to be ticked before you save your choices. We will then start processing and organising subjects into columns. Please note that not all subject combinations will be possible, so do think carefully about your reserve subject which you also have to input. However, combination possibilities change each year so at this stage we cannot say what won't work. Please be assured that 99% of requests will work!

A Level and 5th subject choices will be confirmed in March after Mock Exams and individual interviews have taken place.

Yours sincerely



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