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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Terms 3 and 4 Key Dates**

I wanted to share some key dates for the next two terms, in relation to supporting your child's GCSE option choices for September 2024.

At Chatham Grammar, students start their GCSEs in Year 10 with these courses lasting two years. In Years 10 and 11, all students will study English Language, English Literature, Maths, Double Science, Ethics and PE core. Students can then choose four further subjects. One must be a Humanities subject (History or Geography) and one a modern foreign language (French, German or Spanish). It is expected that the language chosen is the language currently studied in Year 9. Students are also able to choose both Humanities subjects, however these would be seen as one or two of their option choices. Students are also able to preference Triple Science; this would be instead of Double Science and be seen as one of their option choices.

During Year 9, students will preference their choices for the GCSEs they wish to study in Years 10 and 11. More information will be shared with you in the New Year, with greater explanation of the process but there are some key dates to be aware of.

### **Options Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm-6pm**

Parents/carers and Year 9 students are invited to attend our Options evening. All subjects will have information and staff on hand to explain the course content and share examples of work produced by students currently studying the subjects. The aim of this event to share the courses on offer and provide an opportunity for any questions you may have.

### **Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 4pm-7pm**

This is an opportunity to discuss your child's current progress to inform their preferencing of subject choices at GCSE.

### **In Personal Tutor time week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February**

A series of assemblies will run in personal tutor time for subjects students do not currently study in Year 9. This is an opportunity for students to ask any further questions before completing their preferences.

Following these events your child will be able to select their preferences. This process will be via an

online form and to ensure students carefully consider all information, advice and guidance this form will be shared after the events above.

I will write to you again with further information in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 10 and 11 Academic Lead