



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Mr T Spencer, BSc

Our ref: JMN/SCR

May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Options Choices 2025–2027

The option choices for the current Year 9 cohort have now been finalised. If your child opted for Child Development and/or Catering and their attendance is below 96% then we remind you that their attendance on these courses is closely monitored. Due to the large percentage of the overall grade being assessed as coursework, it is imperative that outstanding attendance to school is evident. Those students with low attendance have been spoken to by myself and Mr Turner and their attendance will be reviewed in the final weeks of July. Any concerns then parents will be contacted directly.

In addition to their chosen options, your child will be studying English, Maths, Science, Core PE and PSHE.

Year 9 students will start their key stage 4 courses on Monday 9th June and timetables will be issued week commencing Monday 2nd June. Once the students have started their options, if for whatever reason they are not happy with an option subject then they must email the school, outlining the concern and alternative option. It is then not finalised as a change until I have responded via email to both the student and parent. Students will not be able to make any subject changes after Monday 6th October.

Year 9 will be attending a transition assembly during the week commencing Monday 2nd June to outline the expectations of Key Stage 4 and to meet the Pastoral Team:

- Mrs Martin - Head of Key Stage 4 & Head of Year 10
- Ms Brown - KS4 Pastoral Care Coordinator & DDSL
- Miss Cordon - Head of Year 11

At Key Stage 4 we expect attendance of 96% or above, outstanding behaviour that demonstrates to the younger years how Fearnhill Students behave, resilience, being kind, confident and self aware. We are preparing students to leave Fearnhill with the GCSE grades needed for that next step in their life and therefore students are expected to withhold those high standards. Tutor time becomes more focused on learning and preparing for GCSEs with a session per week focusing on PSHE education.

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 10's on Monday 9th June and to the exciting journey ahead.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school: admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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