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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING - IN SCHOOL Tuesday 25th November 2025 5:30pm to 8:00pm

I am writing to request your attendance at the most crucial meeting for your child's education thus far at Passmores. It is essential that parents and students know how our options process runs and meet with key staff, so that informed choices can be made about their final two years at Passmores, including their GCSEs.

The evening will begin promptly at 5.30pm in the main hall with a general talk about the options process, what to expect and some key advice.

From 6pm - 8pm, we will be operating the evening on a carousel system: subject areas that you wish to visit can be booked on our online system. Please book here – the system is now live: http://passmores.schoolcloud.co.uk

This allows parents/carers to choose and book their own appointments before they attend in person, subject to availability.

Please note the following important information and instruction steps:

- Subject sessions will be for 15 minutes each, starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 8:00pm on Tuesday 25th November 2025, with **the last session starting at 7.45pm.**
- The booking section of the website will close **Tuesday 25**th **November 2025** at 12noon and will be unavailable for any further bookings.
- You are required to enter your details and those of your young person (see below) to access
 the site, you will then be able to scroll through the subjects available to select your subject
 choices. Please click "Next" when you have selected the subject sessions that you would like
 to attend.
- We encourage you to book 6 sessions to be able to see the different options, while allowing you time to talk to the core subjects (English, Maths and Science). However, you may book all 8 if you wish.
- Art and Photography will be presenting together, if you wish to see either of these you only need to book **one** session.

Logging in:

- The system uses 'priority 1 & 2' parents/carers name stored on the school system; therefore, you may need to try either your name or your partner's name. You will need to enter your forename, surname, and email address.
- You will also need to enter the forename, surname, and date of birth of your young person.



















It is important to point out that all subject sessions run to a strict time, and this is controlled by the SchoolCloud system. If you are late for a session, then it will not be extended beyond this time. This will help us to keep a tight schedule for the evening. If you do not get an opportunity to cover all the areas that you would like, please email the member of teaching staff directly to arrange a follow up conversation.

Please telephone the school about the evening if you have any concerns or questions, or email datateam@passmoresacademy.com.

This year we will be asking students to participate in a "soft option choice". The purpose of this is to identify the subjects that students are most interested in studying for their GCSEs. This is **not** the final options process; rather, it is an opportunity for us to assess the level of interest in different subjects and ensure we can create a timetable that accommodates as many student preferences as possible. From this information we will create the option blocks and then ask students to pick a subject from each block to finalise their choices.

Here are some important dates for your reference:

November 25 th - Options Evening / Soft Choice opens
Dec 10 th – Soft Choices closes
Jan 19 th – Option Blocks open
Feb 5 th – Year 9 Parents Evening
Feb 13 th – Option Blocks close

Staff look forward to you joining them in school on Tuesday November 25th from 5:30pm-8:00pm.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Ash

Mark Fish

Vice Principal