

1st May 2024

Dear parents and carers

Outcome of the Year 9 options process.

I previously wrote to you explaining that we would inform you and your child of the outcomes of the options process on Friday 3rd May.

Although the process is not yet fully complete, it is looking like the vast majority of students will get their preferences, although in some cases we have needed to resort to their reserve choice.

The options process is a complex process of trying to balance what your child would like to study with what we are able to offer and provide the specialist staffing for.

In this process we do all we can to meet as much demand as we are able to and in the majority of cases we do that. To ensure that, we are still in the process of finalising our staffing needs for next year to best meet the full range of option choices for when Year 9 return to start Year 10 in September.

So, it is going to take a little longer than first anticipated to confirm the full complement of specialist staffing needed to meet as much as possible of the full options choices made – but the good news is we are nearly there.

As a result, I am pushing back the date until week beginning 3rd June to inform you and your child of the outcomes of the options process.

There is an email address set aside specifically to answer any queries you might have. Please use options2024@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk to contact us regarding options if you need to.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Carter
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