



January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECT CHOICE

Your son/daughter will soon be selecting subjects to study to GCSE level. Our Year 10 pupils have been following a comprehensive Careers Education and Employability programme to equip them with the skills to make informed careers decisions. They have been focusing on how to select suitable GCSE subjects and exploring career pathways which may be of interest to them.

All pupils will study for nine GCSEs. They will only be required to study English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. The other six subjects can be freely selected from the subject choice form which will be emailed to you.

To assist your child with this process a number of activities have been organised:

1. Focus on subjects programme will take place virtually, where all pupils will learn of the importance of specific subjects in career pathways. (This will take place **11-22 January 2021**)
2. A Questions and Answers session where pupils can put questions via Microsoft Teams to the Head of Careers linked to subject choice/career queries.
3. Virtual presentations for pupils and parents to help with the subject choice process. Pupils can find these in their Careers Microsoft Teams, in the channel '**Subject Choice**' with all the resources under '**Files**'. To logon to Microsoft Teams your child should use their c2k username@c2ken.net e.g. aperson123@c2ken.net.
4. Support materials, including Year 10 Subject Choice Booklet have been posted on the school's website under the 'Parent' section. Once in the Parent section, please click on the sub-folders 'Exploring Careers' and 'Year 10 Careers Information.' These sub-folders contain valuable information which will prove useful at this time.

Pupils have been encouraged to consider their strengths and weaknesses in subject areas as well as other skills / interests which they may have.

A facility to meet virtually through Microsoft Teams with Ms Donoghue to discuss specific queries has been scheduled for week starting 25 January 2021. The call is strictly limited to 15 minutes in order to accommodate as many parent requests as possible. If you wish to avail of this opportunity please email cmcerlean314@c2ken.net on or before 20 January and details will be sent out in due course.

A subject choice form will be sent to you via email and is required to be returned by Thursday 4 February 2021.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely

C Donoghue (Ms)
Head of Careers Department