

Options Update

June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I am writing to update you with regards to the options process. My original intention was to collect the option surveys to help establish three option blocks and then put out a second official form to make final decisions. However, the lockdown situation has slowed this process and in establishing the blocks it became clear that a second form was not necessary. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of indications on the options survey form have been met. There are around six choices that cannot be met, primarily this relates to pupils who have opted for two Technologies, which are not possible to follow. I have initially responded by email to those people but I shall be following up with phone calls next week. All other pupils will be following the courses they have chosen. There is a period now, however, whereby pupils may wish to change their decisions. These will be granted so long as numbers in classes permit.

There is one other issue I wish to draw to your attention to. This concerns numbers in one or two subjects. In particular, Business has proven to be very popular and will run with two very large classes. With this in mind, and having spoken with Mr Murphy, who is delivering Business next year, we feel that some pupils may wish to consider their choice in this subject again. All other subjects have places but I feel that a special mention needs to be given to the Technology subjects and Music. These subjects will enjoy small classes in the next two years which should work to the benefit of the pupils. In addition, I am pleased to say that we have appointed a new Head of Music for September, a Ms R Ryan. We are very happy with this appointment and look forward to a period of stability in the Music department. Please contact me if feel a change would be beneficial.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information. The easiest way to do this currently is through email: p.giblin@st-antony.com.

Alternatively, please contact the school office and I shall return the call as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mr Giblin