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Dear Fourth Form Parents & Guardians,

I am writing to let you know about two forthcoming choices that the 4th form will make this year.

1. Creatives (Art, DT, Drama, Food prep, PE, Music)

This term the 4th form have been following the Creatives carousel, and will have met all six subjects by the end of this term. Next term they study just two of these subjects, for the rest of the year. Towards the end of this term, I will ask them to give me their two choices, plus a reserve choice. (It is probably worth adding that it may still be possible to choose as a GCSE subject, a creative that they do not study next term.)

2. GCSE choices

During the first half of next term we devote a good amount of tutorial time to help pupils choose their GCSEs for September 2019. In brief, nearly all pupils study a compulsory set of six subjects (English, Maths, a Modern Foreign Language and Science, with both English and Science counting as two GCSEs.) They choose a further four GCSEs, which may include a third Science GCSE or a second Modern Foreign Language. The process is described in the introduction to the "GCSE Studies" booklet, which can be found [here](#) on the website. The booklet also contains information on all the GCSE (& IGCSE) subjects.

If you have problems with this link, please email amloveys@deanclose.org.uk

There is a meeting on Monday 7th January in the Bacon theatre, starting at 6pm, where I will explain the process in more detail. I appreciate that some of you will not be able to attend, so I will put my notes and slides on the website afterwards. In the second half of this meeting, Jacque Davis will give a pastoral briefing.

Please do email with questions at any stage and I look forward to meeting some of you in January.

Kind regards,

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