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Dear Parent / Carer

**RE: Guided Choices and Parents Evening and Options Process**

During Year 9 your child has had several opportunities to start considering their next steps for the future. It is now time for your child to decide on their next steps at GCSE. As such, we are delighted to invite you to our Guided Choices and Parents Evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May starting at 4.30pm and ending at 6.45pm.**

The evening will be an opportunity to find out about your child's progress in their subjects as well as what the subject will entail in Year 10 and Year 11. We know that this is particularly important given the lack of opportunity to have a parents' evening so far. In addition, there will be two opportunities to attend a talk which provides information about how the options process will run, the structure of the new GCSEs and information relating to post-16 opportunities. These talks will be at **4.30pm** and **5.30pm**; please arrange appointments to ensure you can attend one these talks. We have also invited several post-16 contributors (colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers) so you and your child can start discussing the opportunities that will be available to them when they leave Oasis Mayfield in two years' time and how their options will tie into this.

Attached to this letter is the Guided Choices booklet. This booklet provides information about the different options available to your child. It is very important to discuss this booklet with your child to help them make informed decisions about their future. Additionally, this will also support in finding out more information about subjects of interest on the Guided Choices and Parents Evening and to use after the event to fine tune the options they are considering.

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May between 4.30pm-6.45pm**, you and your child will be invited to their Digital Choices Meeting by their tutor or member of SLT. During this meeting, you will discuss with that member of staff the options that have been chosen and the suitability for your child. This will be a further opportunity to raise any questions or concerns that you have moving into Years 10 and 11. The meeting should last approximately fifteen minutes.

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## What can I do to support my child with their understanding of Post-16 options?

Your involvement is important to ensuring that your child makes decisions that are challenging, aspirational and crucially, are right for them. We have listed some resources below that you can access for free which will support your conversations with your students:

- ***To Infinity, choices and beyond! A Parents' Guide*** – A handy online booklet which explains every step of education from Year 9 through to University. You will also receive a free copy of this on the Guided Choices Evening. This can be accessed here: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/okfun/czdo/#p=6>
- ***Making a plan for the future*** – A website with resources and quizzes that can be used with your child to consider their skills, strengths and how to make their desired career a reality. This can be accessed here: <https://www.sunoutreach.org/flying-start/making-a-plan-for-your-future-soton/>
- ***Oasis Academy Mayfield; Careers Guidance*** – Our website has a Careers Guidance section which is regularly updated with information, resources and clips for you to access. You can also join our Oasis Southampton Careers Facebook page with information from colleges and universities regarding Open Days and other opportunities. This can be accessed here: <https://www.oasisacademymayfield.org/curriculum/careers-guidance>

We hope that these resources will support you in facilitating conversations with your child about their future and we look forward to seeing you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Year 9

**Ms T Baxendale**  
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