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## **NOTICE TO STUDENTS OF YEAR EIGHT GOING TO YEAR NINE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School.** It is that time of the year when we would ask you to reflect with your children on their subject choices for the next academic year. This year, we have made one change to the spectrum of choices based on observations over the previous two years. Therefore, choices will have to be made regarding a number of subject options and we invite you to read on below.

### **SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE**

### **YOUR CHOICE**

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| 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE  | COMPULSORY  |
| 2. MATHEMATICS   | COMPULSORY  |
| 3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES   | COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies      |
| 4. PSYCHOLOGY  | COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies |
| 5. ARABIC  | COMPULSORY  |
| 6. ICT / COMPUTER SCIENCE* (NEW )                                      | COMPULSORY  |
| 7. BIOLOGY <b>OR</b> ACCOUNTS  |   |
| 8. CHEMISTRY <b>OR</b> ECONOMICS                                       |   |
| 9. PHYSICS <b>OR</b> BUSINESS STUDIES                                  |   |
| 10. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, <b>OR</b> PSYCHOLOGY- ( only 1 ) |   |

### **EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.**

Students are asked to consider carefully the options before making their choice.

**\*\*\* Please note that ICT and one Science have been made compulsory to further closely align with the British Curriculum, as pointed out in our KHDA inspection process over the last few years with a view to furthering students access to technology, thus arming them with the requisite 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.**

**\*\*\* Please note that students who do not take Bible or Islamic studies will have Psychology instead of the Religious studies component and therefore these students must choose another subject other than Psychology in OPTION 10.**

**Islamic Studies and Bible are compulsory for students who take these subjects.**

**Once the choice has been made a subject CANNOT be changed.**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE:** Kindly note that places for Computer Science will be restricted to those students who currently display a secure understanding and application of computational thinking and problem solving skills. Programming skills are a core component of this course and students will be required to have a knowledge of Python and be competent at designing, writing and debugging programmes . In case the places are oversubscribed, the school will allot seats strictly on the basis of current academic competence in ICT.

Parents may consult with your child's current subject teachers via email if you have any doubts about your child's competence in a particular subject. Ms. Amy Kuriyan is also available via email with regard to any queries about university requirements.

**Parents are requested to submit the subject selection by visiting the link <https://www.sims-options.co.uk> and login with the school email account and password of your child and save the choice of subjects.**

**Parents are asked to compete this by Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )

