

17 July 2023

Dear parents and carers

It is that exciting time again, your young person needs to **make their Excellence Programme choices** for the Autumn term.

There are a variety of activities available to choose from. These include some old favourites such as **Carrington Chef** and **Lino Printing** alongside some new activities such as **Philosophy Film Club** and **Incredible Italy!** Please see the [Autumn Term Brochure](#) for more details.

We'd be grateful if you would take some time to have a look at the options with your young person, and help them think about which of the various activities they would benefit from.

The deadline for choices is 18 July. Your young person should make their choices using www.schoolsbuddy.net. Details have been sent to their school email and there is also a "[How to Make Choices in Schoolsbuddy](#)" Guide on our website. If they need any further help they must speak to their tutor.

Our Excellence Programme gives students **amazing chances to try out something they may never have encountered** or considered having a go at - perhaps to **discover unknown talents and interests**, perhaps to **build skills and experiences** in areas that will have **long-reaching impacts into their futures**. Doing these things, that could be completely new to them (and may be a little bit outside their comfort-zones) will **develop their confidence** and leadership skills, improve their motivation and creativity, and **support their emotional well-being**.

Please emphasise these aims to your young person, rather than choosing things they think their friends may be doing, as there are no guarantees that the friends will end up with the same allocations.

Best wishes,
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