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Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers

### **Liberal Arts Options choices**

We are now completing the first year of our revised Year 9 curriculum, which has proved successful in giving pupils a broad and balanced range of subjects and enabling them to make good choices about which GCSE/level 2 subjects to take from Year 10. An important new aspect of the Year 9 curriculum is the Liberal Arts programme; a creative set of modules which focus on enriching pupils' understanding of the world as well as developing their team work, presentation and feedback skills.

As we are now in the summer term, I am writing to invite you to choose the Liberal Arts modules for your child for next year. We have put together a varied list of creative, inspiring modules, from which your child can choose three. Each module lasts a term so pupils change to a new module at the start of each term. Full information about the program and descriptions of each module can be found in the Liberal Arts booklet which is attached to this email.

Over the next two weeks please read through the booklet with your child and submit their Liberal Arts choices, together with two reserve choices. I may need to use reserve choices if some courses are in high demand so please consider carefully the order in which you write your subjects as I will use this as your order of preference. **The deadline for submission is Sunday 6 June and choices should be made using the online form, which can be found together with the booklet on the school website here [Liberal Arts Module](#).** Please be reassured that I will deal with all forms after 6 June and not on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you have any questions or require any help making your Liberal Arts choices please feel free to contact me at [elaine.sharp@smmacademy.org](mailto:elaine.sharp@smmacademy.org)

Yours faithfully

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