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Dear parents and carers

We have emailed your young person today with the [Excellence Programme Choices brochure](#), and instructions for how to **make their choices** for the two half terms of the Spring Term starting in January 2023, using the Schools Buddy online system. There is a ["How to Make Choices in Schools Buddy" Guide](#) on our website.

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.

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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