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Dear Parents and Carers

KLBespoke – Year 9 Opportunities

I am writing to provide information about **KLBespoke**, a new and exciting programme of alternative and enriched provision at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School. While I spoke about this at our recent information evenings, I am keen that all families in year 9 are fully aware of the new opportunities it provides. We shared this information with all year 9 students in a recent assembly.

Purpose of KLBespoke

As stated in our school vision, we are committed to providing a calm and inclusive environment where every student thrives, and which nurtures students to become confident, ambitious and compassionate young people who make a positive contribution to the world. To support this vision, we are introducing a new initiative, **KLBespoke**, which we have created to broaden the range of experiences available to our students. For some young people, a more flexible curriculum helps them to flourish, develop confidence, and explore areas of interest beyond the traditional timetable. I am delighted that Sarah Hind, Assistant Headteacher, will be leading this programme.

Opportunities for Year 9 Students

This year, students in year 9 will be able to take part in a series of short courses designed to extend learning and provide a taste of future pathways. These include:

- **Animals and Countryside** – practical experience in small animal care, countryside skills, and farming, delivered at a local partner site.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** – opportunities in music, drama, and art, with progression towards the nationally recognised Bronze Arts Award.
- **Beauty and Skincare** – an introduction to this field, led by a local professional, based at the new training salon on site at KLB.

Courses are delivered in small groups and run for a specific number of weeks – typically six or eight weeks. Some sessions will be off-site, with transport provided by the school. While students will miss a small number of timetabled lessons, we will ensure they are supported to remain on track in their other subjects.

Next Steps

This is the pilot year of KLBespoke. All Year 9 students are invited to express an interest in one or more courses. Groups will be organised carefully. Whilst there are limited places on the courses, they run through the year so we will do our best to provide these opportunities for all students who we feel will benefit and who express an interest.

Please complete the form on the link below with your child and submit by **Tuesday 30 September**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/QhM05SM0SW>

We are confident that KLBespoke will enrich the experience of our Year 9 students and support them in considering future opportunities. This is very much a whole-school initiative, reflecting our shared priorities and school vision.

Thank you for your continued support as we launch this programme. If you have any specific questions at this stage, please direct them to me (hkhan@klbschool.org.uk) and Sarah Hind (shind@klbschool.org.uk)

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Khan', written in a cursive style.

Hannah Khan
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