

February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 8 OPTIONS PROCESS

It is now time for your child to choose their Options subjects for their Year 9 Courses, in turn leading to their GCSE and Vocational courses.

On Tuesday 22nd February, students will have their options assembly, where the options process will be outlined to them. Following this, the assembly PowerPoint, and the options booklet that outlines all the different subjects on offer, will be available on our website from Wednesday 23rd February. Please take the opportunity to look through this material with your child over the coming week. A link to the correct place on the website is included [here](#) for your convenience. On this page, you will also find a wealth of information provided through our recent careers fair.

On Wednesday 23rd February, you will have your child's Consultation Evening, where you will have the opportunity to speak with individual teachers about your child's progress in particular areas of the curriculum. This will provide you with valuable information that may inform the decision you and your child make in relation to option choices. Please also note that your child's monitoring report was posted onto SIMS on Tuesday 22nd February, and this will be valuable information to consider when making option choices.

Following this, on Wednesday 2nd March, Year 8 students will be invited to attend an interview, to discuss choices in more detail. It is expected that students will attend the interview with a parent/carer in order to facilitate the process of making choices. This interview will be conducted by a member of staff who has information about your child and the progress s/he is making in different aspects of their education. The interviews will be held in person in the library. An appointment time will be provided closer to the day via your child's form tutor. We would like to thank you in advance for being able to make the necessary arrangements, in order to attend this interview. **Please note:** there will be no lessons for Year 8 on this day, in order to allow for the release of staff to conduct the interviews. Students will only be expected to attend school for their interview, in school uniform.

Following the interview, your child will then apply for their options choices online. Students will be provided with instructions about how to apply for the different options that they would like to study via an assignment that will be set in their registration TEAM on Microsoft TEAMS. Should your child have any difficulty completing this task, they should request help from their tutor, in the first instance. All applications for options should be made online by Wednesday 9th March.

Yours sincerely,



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