



Monday 7th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 8 Options

This week we begin the process of enabling our Year 8 students to select the option subjects they would like to study in Years 9-11.

I have spoken to all Year 8 students in assembly today to explain the process. Tomorrow, during their tutor period, we will ask them to complete an initial survey, detailing what options they are considering so that we have an idea of how many students may select each course. This will help us with our planning.

We would like to make you aware of two important events that are coming up and to ask you to 'save the date' for each of these. The first is the Year 8 Options Information Evening, which will take place on **Thursday 17th March from 5-7.00pm**. This will provide an opportunity for parents/ carers to hear about the process and the rationale underpinning our curriculum. We will host two presentations, one at 5.00pm and the second at 6.00pm. It will be the same talk repeated twice. After each talk, there will be the opportunity to circulate, meet subject staff and ask questions about each course in more detail. We really hope you will be able to join us.

The second date is **Thursday 24th March**, on site, during which we will be conducting a 10-minute Options Interview with you and your child. We are currently planning to host this via a video-link so that families are not required to come on-site twice in two consecutive weeks. However, we also recognise that some families would prefer a face-to-face meeting and this will also be facilitated. We will use the same booking system we use for parents' evening appointments and will send out more detail, closer to the date.

Finally, the date for the completion of the Final Year 8 Options Form will be **Friday the 8th April**, via Google Forms. This will be available on the website by Friday 25th March, once the interviews have taken place, but we will issue further information in advance.

Please contact us if you have any questions at all.

Yours faithfully,

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