



04 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Option Choices – Key Dates

As you are aware, this term Year 8 students will be selecting their choices for their Curriculum Subjects, which will begin in September 2019 and be undertaken over a three year period. The latest qualifications will follow more rigorous programmes of study, with GCSEs being graded from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade and all will be based on terminal examinations in Year 11. This will create greater flexibility of choice and enable students to fully reach their potential.

In addition it will provide the opportunity to concentrate further on the core subjects of English and Mathematics, thus maximising your child's future life chances.

Therefore, this term, I wish to highlight the following key dates which will enable you and your child to carefully select his/her GCSE Subjects, and possible vocational courses which have become equally demanding and as a result will prepare students accordingly for further academic studies beyond Year 11. All students will be placed appropriately onto the right courses once they have decided the subjects they wish to study, based on their identified academic strengths, attainment and interests.

Wednesday, 6 March 2019	Year 8 Tracker Reports distributed to students
Thursday, 7 March 2019	Formal Assembly regarding Year 8 Options
Wednesday, 13 March 2019	Year 8 Options Evening 5.00 – 7.00pm
Monday, 18 March and Friday, 22 March 2019	Tutor Support Week during Tutorial time
Wednesday, 27 March 2019	Year 8 Parents' Evening with Leadership Team available for Advice and Guidance
Monday, 1 April 2019	Deadline for students to return completed Options Online
Tuesday, 2 April – Thursday, 4 April 2019	Guidance Interviews by the Leadership and Year Teams

During this period students will be carefully guided through their Year Assemblies and have the support of their Tutor and their Subject Teachers, with regard to appropriate courses, thus ensuring a smooth transition programme to their GCSE studies. There will also be an opportunity for you and your child to meet with a member of the Year Team or the Leadership Team.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact either your son/daughter's Tutor or Head of Year if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

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