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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Options – Further Information for Parents and Students

I am writing to further inform you of the important events taking place in the next few weeks which aim to offer guidance and support for both you and your child regarding their options choices. The calendared dates are shown below.

- Friday 7 February – Options Booklet, recommended pathway and options form distributed to pupils.
- Tuesday 11 February – Year 8 Options Evening.
- Tuesday 25 February – 8M Progress Meeting.
- Thursday 27 February – 8E Progress Meeting.
- Monday 2 March – Options Surgery 1 (1pm to 6pm).
- Tuesday 3 March – Options Surgery 2 (9am to 12pm).
- Friday 8 March – Deadline for submission of options forms.

OPTIONS BOOKLET, RECOMMENDED PATHWAY & OPTIONS FORM

On Friday 7 February your child will be given an options booklet, a letter giving the school's recommendation as to which curriculum pathway your child should follow and an options form which should be filled in and returned by Friday 8 March.

The options booklet contains information about the curriculum pathways and details of each subject on offer. This can be used in conjunction with the information evening and progress meetings, to help you and your child make options choices.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING

There will be an Options Information Evening for all Year 8 parents and students on **Tuesday 11 February**. Please note that, due to the large numbers that are expected to be attending, the evening has been divided into two.

Parents and students in the **8M** half of the year group are invited to attend their meeting, which will be held in the Main Hall at **6.30pm**. The meeting will start with an outline of the options procedure by Mr Thomas, Assistant Headteacher. When this presentation is over, at approximately **6.50pm**, parents and students in the **8M** half of the year group will be invited to move across to the English and Religious Studies block, where representatives of the departments for Key Stage 4 subjects will be available to answer questions about the subjects that their departments offer to students entering Key Stage 4.

Parents and students in the **8E** half of the year group are invited to attend their meeting, which will also be held in the Main Hall, but will start at **7.00pm**. Once again the meeting will start with an outline of the options procedure by Mr Thomas, Assistant Headteacher. When this presentation is completed, at approximately **7.20pm** parents and students in **8E** will have their opportunity to move across to the English and Religious Studies block where representatives of the departments for Key Stage 4 subjects will be available, once again, to answer questions about the subjects in the Key Stage 4 options scheme.

I should stress that this is **not** an evening to discuss the progress of individual students as the staff to whom you may be speaking will probably not know your child personally.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parent consultation meetings where you have an opportunity to meet with your child's subject staff are scheduled for **Tuesday 25 February (8M)** and **Thursday 27 February (8E)**. Please note that students are encouraged to attend.

OPTIONS SURGERIES

On Monday 2 March and on Tuesday 3 March, Mr Jones and I will be available to answer any questions that you may still have about your child's options. To book one of the available 15 minute appointments, please contact the **school's reception from 8.00am on Friday 28 February**. Please note that, unfortunately, we will not be in a position to make appointments prior to this date. Your child will also be able to attend the meeting if you wish as we will be able to arrange for them to be temporarily excused from their timetabled lessons. Please report to reception 5 minutes prior to your consultation session.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Headteacher