



12 January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 – Update to Key Dates

We wrote to you last term with information about key dates for this term. Given the changed circumstances we face this term we would like to share the following updates with you.

Week beginning 18 January - Year 8 Assessment Week

Your child will sit assessments online in their subjects under the guidance of their subject staff. Mr Bishop spoke about this with the students in assembly last week, so they will be aware of this.

Monday 8 February - Spring Tracking Report and Options Booklet

The spring tracking report will be available to you on the parent app. We will also make the Key Stage 4 options booklet and options forms available.

Tuesday 9 February - Year 8 Options Evening

The options evening will take place on Tuesday 9 February, which provides the opportunity to find out about the subjects available to study at Key Stage 4 from subject staff. We are currently working on the format of this evening, whereby you and your child will have the opportunity to see and hear from subject staff and we will also go through the options process with you. When we have completed the logistics planning for this evening, we will provide further details.

Tuesday 23 February and Thursday 25 February - Year 8 Progress Meetings

The Year 8 progress meetings will be held virtually and you will have the opportunity to make appointments with your child's subject teachers from Monday 8 February. You will also be able to make appointments with the Head of Year 8, Mr Bishop, and myself to speak about options and any other concerns you may have.

Monday 1 March and Tuesday 2 March – Options Surgeries

For any students who are having a particular difficulty in choosing their options, Mr Bishop and I will be available for a longer consultation on these dates. This is most likely to be via zoom, with pre-booked appointment times. We will provide more details of these surgeries at the options evenings on Tuesday 9 February.

Friday 5 March - Options Deadline

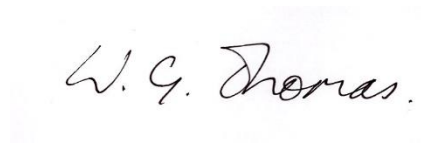
Option forms will need to be submitted by this date. Given the current circumstances, we are currently planning that this will be done electronically. Further details will be confirmed on Tuesday 9 February, at the options evening.

Economics and Computer Science

Last term we wrote to you and shared that in order for a student to be eligible to study Economics or Computer Science, they would need to reach a 3M in English and Maths for Economics and a 3M in Maths for Computer Science. We have reviewed these in light of the impact of the current circumstances and the decision has been made to reduce the grades required to a 3L in the relevant subjects in the Spring Tracking Report.

Thank you for your continued patience and support of our efforts to get it right for you and your child. If you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to email mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

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Mr G Thomas
Assistant Headteacher