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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Options and Parents evening – Tuesday 16 March

I am writing to you to introduce the Options process for Year 8 students, who are about to make their option choices for their GCSE subjects. Clearly, this year is very different to most and the Options process has been significantly adapted to allow students and parents to make informed choices in this remote learning climate. As ever, there is a lot of work going on in school between now and the **end of March** to ensure all students are given the correct information and guidance. Due to the lack of in-school teaching and meetings, the following activities should allow students to make informed choices:

Week commencing	Options Activity
08/02/21	Letter to parents/carers. Students sent options online details by email. <i>Please ensure they check.</i> This will allow students to make their choices <b>ONLINE.</b>
<b>15/02/21</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
22/02/21	Tutors will be fully informed with all details of Options including how to help students with the online process. Options booklets sent electronically. Y8 Options page added to website.
01/03/21	Options “assemblies” with subject leaders. Assembly session to introduce online choices. Tutors - support and guidance
08/03/21	OPTIONS/careers week – giving information about careers and best options choices. Y8 lessons this week will help explain and promote the various options subjects.
15/03/21	Parents evening combined with Y8 options presentations on <b>Tuesday 16 March.</b> A survey will be online for parent questions.
22/03/21	Further time for students to consider choices – remember to ensure they talk with subject teachers, older students, parents etc.
29/03/21	Student option choices completed by <b>Friday 2 April 2021</b>
<b>05/04/21</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
<b>12/04/21</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

As part of this process, we would like to invite you and your child to the Year 8 Options and Parents evening to be held online on **Tuesday 16 March 2021.** **Invites to a Microsoft Teams meeting** will be sent out shortly. The Options talk online will begin at 6.00 pm, will last for about half an hour and will outline the GCSE pathways and the Options process. Year 8 students should also be able to join the meeting with you. This is an important opportunity for you and your child to find out about the range of courses and qualifications available for Key Stage 4 students and we would encourage you to attend. **It would be helpful to have the online Options choices booklet available during this meeting.**



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Between the end of the school day and the Options talk at 6.00 pm, the evening of Tuesday 16 March will also include an **online Parents evening** to ensure you and your children have chance to discuss various subject aptitudes with subject teachers before making choices. Further details about the Parents evening will be sent out in a separate letter from Mrs Holland, Assistant Headteacher.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at this important time for Year 8 students.

Yours sincerely

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