



17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a really exciting time for Year 8 students as we move towards our options process and they begin to think about the subjects they want to study at Key Stage 4.

Below is the timeline for the options process with details of what will be happening over the next few weeks.

- **Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 29th January** – The Year 8 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening will take place. This will provide you with an opportunity to talk to staff about your son/daughter's progress and answer any questions you may have.
- **Friday 31st January** – the Curriculum Offer booklet will be sent home via email along with a letter explaining your son/daughter's suggested curriculum route. Two options videos will also be available to view on the school website, please ensure you watch these as they will provide you with lots of information about the curriculum and explain in detail how the options process will work.
- **Monday 3rd February – The Options Evening.** Parents/Carers and students are invited to come into school and speak to subject leaders about the different courses available. Members of the senior leadership team will also be available to help support you with any questions you may have about the process.
- **Friday 14th February** – the final date to submit the online options form.

We have spent lots of time reviewing our curriculum this year to ensure it is both suitable and aspirational for your children. Our curriculum routes have been carefully constructed, with the skills and expertise of staff and students in mind so that we can provide as many opportunities as possible. This was something that Ofsted highlighted as a strength in our last inspection, "The school has carefully considered their local and pupil context when designing their curriculum". You will appreciate however that we do not have unlimited resources and we are only able to offer some subjects if enough students opt to study them and we are able to recruit suitably qualified and experienced staff to lead them.

As always, we will do our best to support your children through this exciting process and we look forward to seeing you on Options Evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Fitzgibbon
Senior Deputy Headteacher

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