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To Parents and Carers of Students in Year 8

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Option choices for KS4

This term Year 8 will begin to focus on their GCSE option choices in preparation for when they join Year 9 in September. This may seem a worrying time for your child, but we aim to mitigate this by making sure they are fully prepared and informed and that is why we start this process now. Please refer to the back for an Information Sheet summarising important dates and information you need to know. We hope you find this useful.

Your support with the process is very important to us and your child. We are holding an **Options Event** on **Wednesday 3 February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm** and we hope that you can come along with your child to visit subject areas and find out more about the process and the Options available. There will also be talks from the Headteacher and senior staff. The times of these talks are **4.45pm, 5.15pm and 5.45pm**. You do not need to make an appointment; just arrive at any time from 4.30pm onwards until 5.45pm. Your child must return their Options Form to their form tutor by **Friday 4 March**.

Year 8 Parents Evening is on **Wednesday 2 March** when you can discuss your child's progress with subject teachers and this will also give you an opportunity to discuss any final queries you or your child may have about their choices.

We will be supporting your child in other ways as well; through registration, tutorial and assembly based sessions, interviews conducted by the senior leadership team and drop in sessions held by curriculum leaders. Please see the Information Sheet for full details.

We are dedicated to making sure your child gets the best opportunities within education and beyond. We are committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum wherever possible and to supporting our students to fulfil their potential. We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure that they make the best decisions for all the right reasons.

Yours sincerely

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Director of KS3

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