

Dear Parent/Carer

## February 2022

## Year 8 GCSE Options Evening

Your child in Year 8 will soon be asked to choose GCSE options to start in September 2022 in Year 9. We feel it is important students start their GCSE courses in September to have the best possible chance of success. We will be helping and supporting them as much as possible to hopefully ensure students, and you as parents and carers, are happy about this process and the choices made.

Our Options Evening for Year 8 students is to be held on **Thursday 3rd March 2022**. We will be holding this on the academy site and you will be able to visit all department areas your child may be interested in for option subjects in Key Stage 4. As Core subjects the English, Maths and RE departments are not at the meeting. We have made one or two alterations to previous versions of the evening to avoid overcrowding and having too many people in one area at a time.

The evening will commence at 6.00pm and end at 8.00pm. Departments will be based across the entire academy and we will ask you to help us manage the flow of people by informing us of when it will suit you to arrive. We think one hour on site will be enough to see all the subjects you may be interested in. In the past there would have been a presentation in the New Hall for parents, carers and students but this was particularly busy so we will 'publish' this on the academy website in the week of the Options Evening which you can then watch it prior to or after your visit. I have spoken to students in an assembly to explain the process to them. Students will be given an options booklet in tutor time on the day of the Options Evening. I would ask you to click on this link <u>here</u> and complete the short form to let us know when you would ideally like to arrive and then tour the site. Please park on the tennis courts for the evening if you arrive by car.

Mrs Billet, Careers Pathway Manager, is available for discussions about career pathways and courses that may be relevant for students. Mrs Griffin is also available if anyone wishes to discuss likely destinations that could include Oxbridge, Medicine or Veterinary Science at university. I and other senior members of the team will be in the New Hall to answer any questions you may have. Mrs Lea as SENDCO will also be available.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you on the 3rd March. In addition to this letter all students will shortly receive a letter explaining the different courses for GCSE Science and for those students who have followed French and German in Year 8 a letter explaining how languages courses are organised from Year 9. We encourage you to speak to teachers in these departments on the evening of 3th March about these subjects.

Yours faithfully

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## Departments available for discussions from 6.00pm on Thursday 3rd March.

Subject	Rooms
Art & Design	Q13 Q19
Business Studies	U26
Computer Science	U33
Dance	Q10( White Drama Room)
Design & Technology	L46
Drama	Q9 ( Dark Drama Room)
Economics	U24
Engineering	L38
Fashion & Textile Design	L39
French/German	U14
Food Preparation & Nutrition	U16 L34
Geography	G1 G4
History	H1 H4
Learning Support	Learning Support
Creative iMedia	U29
Media Studies	Q7
Music	MU1
Physical Education	SCL3
Separate Science	L49
CCF	Q38
SENDCO Mrs Lea	Learning Support L75
Careers Pathway Advisors	New Hall
Oxbridge, University Advise	New Hall
Senior Team	New Hall