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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options Evening

During year 8 all students have the opportunity to choose the options subjects they will take at GCSE. By doing this in year 8 we have created time to enable our students to experience each subject in greater depth, whilst ensuring that students feel more in control of their curriculum. This prevents the feeling of 'wasted' time in year 9, when some students do not value all their subjects equally.

Your child's options booklet and pathway will be distributed during the week beginning 3rd February. The booklet will provide information about the courses which we are offering. We have designed a broad and balanced curriculum, which includes at least one subject chosen from French, Spanish, History, Geography or Computer Science. The pathway that will be allocated to each student is based on their prior attainment at KS2 and progress during years 7 and 8.

We would like to invite you to join us for an Options Evening on Thursday 6th February between 4.00pm and 6.00pm in the school hall. At this evening, you will be able to meet teachers, discuss option choices and meet with your child's form tutor.

Following the options evening a member of the senior team will meet with your son/daughter, alongside yourself, if you wish to attend, to provide further advice and guidance about option choices and future pathways. These interviews are scheduled to take place during the week beginning 24th February 2025. There will be the opportunity to sign up for an options interview during the evening on 6th February.

We look forward to seeing parents and students at the options evening on 6th February. However, should you wish to discuss anything before that date, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Le Cras
Deputy Head Teacher



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