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Dear Year 8 Student and Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Due to COVID-19, this year's options process (the way you decide which subjects to study in years 9, 10 and 11) is having to happen virtually. At the time of writing, we don't know when the current lockdown will end, so I have planned a way to help you make these big decisions with us, so we can all look forward to the future.

Enclosed with this letter is the Options Information Booklet. Alongside this there is a film we have made to give you a feel for the different subjects you can choose to study from August 2021. This is available on the Winstanley website through sliders menu on the homepage.

To help you decide which subjects to study you are allocated to a pathway, this is on your options form, which is also in this pack (more details can also be found on pages 4 & 5 of the booklet). All students have a core curriculum of English, Maths, Science, PE, RS and SHINE, which they continue to study (see pages 6 – 9). Between now and Easter I will be working with you to make choices from the other subjects to make sure everybody has a wide range of different types of subject to study at Key Stage 4.

In previous years I have met with all year 8 students to help them make their choices. Parent(s)/Carer(s) have often been in these meetings too. I would like to be able to have similar meetings virtually, through googlemets, with as many of you as I can, to create your own timetable for the rest of your time at Winstanley, and to talk through your choices. For some of you, you may feel happy to complete the form without a meeting, if you are happy to do this, please return the form to the school office by 19<sup>th</sup> March, at the latest.

If you would like one of these meetings please contact Mrs Dawn Cornes on [dcornes@winstanleyschool.org.uk](mailto:dcornes@winstanleyschool.org.uk)

If you have any questions for subject teachers, please email them directly.

I look forward to working with you all very soon.

Yours faithfully

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