



30th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Option Choices

In Year 9 your son/daughter has the opportunity to choose options for their Performing Arts, Art and Design and Computing subjects. This is something that we introduced a few years ago and have found to be very successful with previous Year 9 students. Your son/daughter is scheduled to have an assembly this week, where they have been informed about each of the subjects and what they might be expected to do in those lessons. By choosing options in this way students will be able to secure a deeper understanding of their chosen subjects as well as beginning GCSE preparation if they continue to study that subject in the future. The Google Slides presentation that we used in the assembly has been made available for you to look at, so you too are fully informed about what each of the eight subjects are and what your child will be studying next year. The presentation can be found on our website under the Parents tab, select Letters and Communications to Parents → Year 8 Options 2024 Assembly or by clicking this link:

[Year 8 Options 2024 Assembly](#)

Once we have held the assembly, we will be sending out a copy of the options sign up sheet to all students via their **school email** and are asking you to sit down with your child and complete this by **Friday 16th February** so we can plan for the 2024-25 timetable. In the past we have had issues with students completing the form because their devices try to send it from a personal gmail account rather than their school one, which due to firewalls the system will not allow. It is important that they complete the form using their school account to prevent this from occurring. The online form is very simple to complete and only requires their name and tutor group and for them to rank the eight given subjects in order of preference with 1 being their top choice and 8 their last. We ask that students please think carefully when making their choices as it will not be possible to change them once they have been allocated. Please also be aware that although we will try very hard, we may not be able to give every student their top 4 subjects due to clashes with other subjects, class sizes or timetabling restrictions.

We encourage you to complete this form as soon as possible, so we can begin planning for next year. We will be reminding students of the need to complete the form through the usual methods in school, but if students have not completed their choices by the deadline, they may be assigned subjects that have spaces rather than us asking them to complete their preferences in school, in order for the writing of the timetable to take place in good time, and ready for the new academic year.

Thank you for your help and support with this, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch by either phone or email.

Kind regards

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