

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to announce that the Year 8 Options process is about to start to prepare your child for the next stage in their education, in which they choose their GCSEs and other exam subjects to study up to Year 11. The Careers process has just started in PSHE lessons where students are beginning to receive guidance about the big choices they have ahead of them next half term. This advice and guidance is key, and it is vital that all students take full advantage of all guidance in order to fully benefit.

In order to support parents/carers, there are some key activities happening in March to help you advise your child:

Date	Event
28 th February	Year 8 Spring Progress report This will give you an idea of whether your child is on track to meet end of Key stage 3 targets in particular subject areas.
2 nd March	Year 8 subject evening 2:30pm – 7:30pm. You will be able to book one 5 minute meeting with each of your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress. Booking details will follow after half term.
6 th March	Students will start to have assemblies in tutor time explaining the different subject options available to them.
10 th March	A detailed ' Options booklet ' will be posted home. This will contain all the information you need to know about the courses we offer. It is vital that students and parents/carers read the information contained within this booklet so that you have a good understanding of the choices available.
13 th March	Options Evening 4:30 pm – 6:30pm You will be invited to attend a live Options Evening to find out more about our pathways and to ask questions about the content of option subjects. A short video explaining how to fill out the form and the student assemblies about each subject area will also be posted on the website.
31 st March	Final deadline for the submission of Option forms.
End of June	Final confirmation of the Options

Our Curriculum pathways offer the breadth and flexibility to ensure an enormous range of post-16 and career routes, as well as offering opportunities to develop the skills and qualities which will allow students to live rich, happy and meaningful lives.

I look forward to supporting you on 16th March and working with you so deliver the most stimulating and successful Key stage Four (KS4) education for you child.

Yours faithfully,

Jacqueline Hepburn

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