

13 January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Year 8 Options Evening

Selecting GCSE subjects is an important milestone in your child's secondary education journey. For the first time, your child will have the opportunity to shape their subject portfolio to match their intended further education and career intentions.

In order to support you and your child in making informed choices, we will be running our Year 8 GCSE Options Evening on **Thursday, 27 February 2020** between **6.00 pm and 8.00 pm**. On the evening you and your child will have the opportunity to learn more about the options process and the subjects on offer. The evening itself will include two presentations (6.10 pm and 7.10 pm) in our Auditorium and also an opportunity to speak with subject staff about the various courses on offer and what is involved. In addition, Senior Leaders and Academic Progress Leaders will be on hand throughout the evening in our 'Advice Centre', to provide specific one to one guidance on the best options for your child. In addition, your child will have a 1-1 appointment with the CIAG team over the coming weeks.

Following on from Options Evening, all students will be required to select three subjects that they would like to complete during years 9, 10 and 11. One of these options must include either History or Geography, the other two options are a free choice. For selected students, there will be a further requirement to select either French or German to complete alongside their other three options. It is important for parents / carers to be aware that whilst we will do all we can to meet the specific requests made by students, until all options forms have been received, we will not be able to confirm choices. Should a subject have low uptake, it may not be possible for it to run. Students are, therefore, asked to select a reserve subject alongside their three options.

The deadline for the return of options forms is **Friday, 13 March 2020**. It is our intention to confirm option choices shortly before the Easter holidays.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening, if you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's Academic Progress Leader.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Cosgrove
Senior Vice Principal



Mr C Flynn
Academic Progress Leader