

10<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Options Process**

As we start our options process, I wanted to contact you with some key dates and keep you informed of how we will be supporting your child.

You will notice that the process has been condensed into a five week period, this is for several reasons, mainly to ensure that the students have all the information needed to enable them to make the right decision for themselves, so that they don't forget any key information and to ensure that they do not worry too much about the process. This is an extremely stressful time for them as they will be making some key decisions that will have an impact on their future education.

In order to support your child we have several things in place;

- I will continue to meet with all of the year 8 students in Option focused assemblies
- Each student will have a 1-1 meeting with a link teacher who will be their point of contact
- There will be the Year 8 Progress Evening on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**
- Students will have some taster sessions, to experience what it will be like to study that subject – **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- There will be an Options Evening for you all to attend – **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**
- Option form deadline **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Please ensure you attend the Options Evening, we will be covering some key information about the process, handing out the Options Booklets and you will have an opportunity to talk to Curriculum Leaders about their subject.

As we strive to ensure we meet the needs of an ever changing world and work place, we continue to assess and adapt our curriculum to ensure that it is broad, balanced and high quality. To this end, we have added further qualifications to our already extensive offer, this year students will have the widest choice of subjects we have ever had available. With the recent developments of Modern Foreign Languages Nationally it will be expected that the students amongst our highest attainers follow one of the two of the language routes we now have.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening, as ever should you have any questions regarding the Option Process, please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school or via email.

Many thanks,



Richard Grainger  
Assistant Principal