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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 8 Options process

Today your child received their Options booklet. The aim of this booklet is to help students choose the subjects and courses to study in Years 9, 10 and 11 that will bring success in August 2021.

In Years 9, 10 and 11 the timetable will be made up of the core curriculum which everybody takes. This will be: English, Maths, Science and PE. The rest of the timetable will be made up of three option choices.

The range of subjects and qualifications on offer recognises that each student is an individual with different skills, qualities, interests and ambitions. You will find a variety of subjects ranging from those which are very practical with less external assessment, to those which are very academic and assessed only by exams. I recommend that students identify the subjects that they are good at, find enjoyable and which are recommended for them by their teachers.

We are holding an **Options Information and Parents' Evening on Thursday 12 April from 4.30-6.30pm**. This includes a presentation about the Options process and the opportunity to meet with all of your child's subject teachers. We hope that you will be able to attend. Your child will need to make appointments with teachers to fit in around the time that you can attend the Options presentation, which will last for about 15 minutes. The first talk will be at 4.15pm and the second at 5.30pm.

Your child's final preferences must be handed in by **Monday 30 April** or you can leave the completed form with us on Thursday 12 April if decisions have already been reached.

I look forwards to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Rooney
Principal