

29 February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Options Evening Thursday 3rd March 2016

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to our Year 8 Options Evening which will take place in school on Thursday 3rd March between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

In order to ease congestion on what will undoubtedly be a very busy evening, we invite you to arrive at different times depending on what form your child is in. Could I therefore please ask that forms 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D and 8E arrive in the theatre for a 6.00pm start, and forms 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J and 8K arrive in the theatre for a 6.45pm start.

The purpose of the evening is to enable you and your child to find out about the curriculum model they will follow in Years 9, 10 and 11. Some of these are compulsory subjects such as Mathematics, English and Science. Others are optional and your child's choices will depend on their individual strengths, preferences and possible career paths. On the evening we will also explain about the information, advice and careers guidance available to you and your child to enable you to make informed choices together.

Following an approximately 25 minute presentation from Mr Watson (Headteacher), and myself, there will be opportunities to visit the various stalls to speak with teachers about the option subjects we offer. There will also be representatives from a range of colleges, sixth forms and work-based learning providers should you wish to discuss option choices in reference to post 16 progression. The evening will close at 8.00pm.

Following the Options Evening your child will be given a form on which they must indicate their preferred option choices. **It is vital that this form is handed in to their form tutor by Friday 18th March** – failure to do so may mean that other students will get priority if places are limited in a subject. Please note that we do our best to give all students their preferred option choices, however in a small number of instances this is not always possible. If this is the case you will be contacted and together with your child you will be invited to discuss the various alternatives with an appropriate member of staff.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Ottley-O'Connor
Assistant Headteacher