







Year 8 Options Information Sheet

You may have a really clear sense of the subjects you want to study to GCSE level and beyond, but many students do not and that is completely normal. Today's presentations are an opportunity for you to really consider which subjects would suit your learning style and interests best. Listen carefully, make notes and hand them over to your Parents/ Carers when you get home, alongside your Year 8 Options envelope. Remember that envelope contains your application form so if you lose it, it could lead to a delay in choosing your options. Don't forget to mention to parents and carers about the Microsoft Live event tonight*, so they can help you with these big decisions.

Take this opportunity to ask staff questions about the subjects so you know that when you make your choices, you have been fully informed. You will be in your tutor rooms at tutor time, P3, P4 and Progress Period. Period 5 will be normal.

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Subject: Food Technology		Subject: Additional English and Maths		Questions you might want to ask your teachers		What happens next?	
Is this a GCSE or a Vocational Qualification?		Is this a GCSE or a Vocational Qualification?		1. What skills do successful students need on your course?		1. You receive your options envelope and booklet.	
What does the KS4 course include?		What does the KS4 course include?		2. How much written work/ practical work is involved in your course?		2. Spend time between now and when we return after half-term reviewing that information and making decisions.	
How will I be assessed at the end?		How will I be assessed at the end?		3. What do students sometimes find challenging about your course?		3. Sit with your parents and listen to the information shared at the Parent Information Evening.	
What careers or opportunities are linked to this subject?		What careers or opportunities are linked to this subject?		4. What do students seem to most enjoy about your course?		4. If you want to revisit the information shared by teachers, go to the Teaching and learning section of the school website and watch the Year 8 Options videos available from February 9th.	
Something that has interested me...	Something that I am unsure about...	Something that has interested me...	Something that I am unsure about...	5. What extra-curricular or cultural capital opportunities are linked to your course?		5. Forms can be handed back in from 28 th February but no earlier- we want you to really take some time to consider the right courses for you.	
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				7. What could I be doing to make sure I am ready to start this course in Year 9?		7. Options will be processed over half term 5.	
				8. What support is offered by teachers on your course?		8. Options will be released in half term 6.	
						9. Options will not be changed. You need to be sure because allocations will not be altered.	
						10. Don't forget you can chat to tutors and teachers if you have more questions.	