

# All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy

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**“We shall serve.”**

**Mark 10:45** - *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

22nd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about a very important event that will be taking place this half term to support Year 8 students at All Saints': the Year 8 Options Information Evening.

The **Year 8 Options - Parent Information Evening** is an online event which will be taking place on **Wednesday 11th February at 5.30pm until 6:15pm**. It will be an opportunity to deepen your understanding about the Options process at All Saints', so that you can support your child when choosing subjects for Key Stage 4 that will best suit their individual needs and interests.

We are running the Y8 Parent Information Evening (26<sup>th</sup> January) and Parent Option Evening in close proximity, to respond to parental feedback from previous years, where parents and carers stated that they would find it beneficial to have the Progress evening before the Options evening so they can support their child's decision making from a more informed perspective.

The Options Evening will run as a Microsoft Live Teams event, and this is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and carers to participate in this important process where you can discover the information from the comfort of your own homes. Attendance at the event is important so parents and carers are able to assist their child in completing the options form correctly, giving students a better chance of being allocated their preferred subjects once options are released in July. Details regarding how to access this event are at the end of the letter.

On Wednesday 11th February, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to speak to a representative from each curriculum area about the different GCSE courses. Instead of their usual Period 5 classes on this day, teachers will be available to represent each GCSE Option subject, and this gives an opportunity for student questions and answers from the staff. Students will be tasked with taking notes on key pieces of information so that they can discuss this with their parents/carers after their school day has finished. Students will receive their options booklet and their options application form on this day so please ask your child to present it when they get home so you can look through it together.

Furthermore, for those students who are absent on Wednesday 11th February, there will be a series of videos about each GCSE option choice on the All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy website: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/options-information>

The school will be using the Microsoft Live Teams function for the event; we are hoping that all technical issues have been resolved in advance of the event, but we ask for your patience if we do experience some technical issues. I look forward to speaking to you on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

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*"Leaders have high expectations of all. Pupils, including Sixth Form students, respond well to this challenge. They are determined to succeed."*

Yours Faithfully,

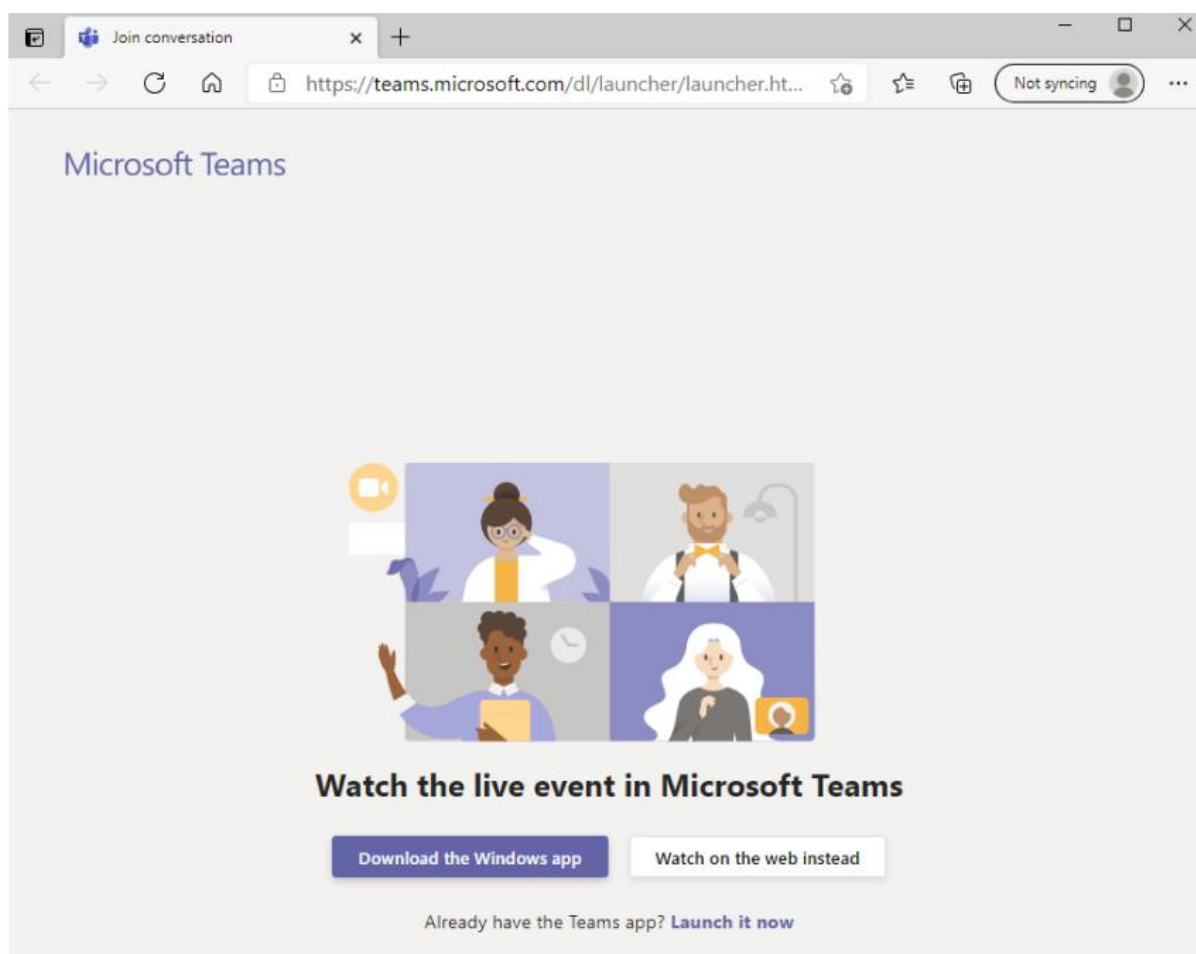


Mr C Hutchinson  
Acting Deputy Head Teacher

### How to access the Microsoft Teams Event:

Click on the link below and you may be given the following options:

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1. You can Download the Windows app from here or watch it on the web instead.
2. If you already have the Teams app, you could launch it from here.
3. On some devices, it may require you to go to the App store and download the Microsoft Teams app or go to Google and download Microsoft Teams first before the link appears valid.
4. If you have any issues accessing the link in advance of the event, having tried the options above, please contact reception and ask to speak to the ICT team.