



5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 8 students,

I am writing to provide an overview of our GCSE and Level 2 options process for Year 8, along with the key dates for this academic year.

Date	Focus
Weeks beginning 8 th February and 22 nd February	Heads of Subject present at Year 8 online assemblies
Week beginning 22 nd February	1:1 guidance meeting for all students with a staff member via MSTeams
3 rd March	Year 8 options evening
24 th March	Year 8 parents' evening
1 st April	Deadline for all completed online option forms

Students will study core subjects throughout the Key Stage 4 curriculum. These are:

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or GCSE Triple Science (3 GCSEs)*
- Personal, Political and Philosophical Studies (including statutory SRE)
- Physical Education

Students will not be asked to choose Triple Science as part of the options process and will cover a common science curriculum in Year 9. If requested, and assessed as suitable, students may move to the Triple Science curriculum in Year 10.

Four additional subjects will be selected from the following two lists. At least one subject must be chosen from the green box:

GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Art
GCSE French	GCSE Citizenship
GCSE Geography	GCSE Design and Technology: Graphics
GCSE History	GCSE Design and Technology: Resistant Materials
GCSE Spanish	GCSE Drama
	Hospitality and Catering (BTEC Level 2 – GCSE equivalent)
	GCSE Film Studies with additional Year 10 offer of L2 Creative iMedia (GCSE equivalent)
	GCSE Music
	GCSE Photography
	GCSE Physical Education with additional Year 10 offer of L2 CNAT Sport Studies (GCSE equivalent)
	GCSE Religious Studies
	GCSE Textiles

A guidance booklet, subject information and options form will soon be available via the school website and you will receive notification when these are published. The options information evening will take place online on Wednesday 3rd March. The process has been designed to ensure that students have access to a wide range of subject combinations. Our aim is to give first choices in each subject but we cannot always guarantee this.

We look forward to seeing you at our options and parents' evenings.

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