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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Year 8 Options Evening - Thursday 15 March 2018 5.30pm - 8.00pm Meridian Building and Main Hall**

I am writing to inform you of the date of our Year 8 Options Evening which will take place on Thursday 15 March 2018 between 5.30pm and 8.00pm. I will be giving a presentation to parents on two occasions during the evening in order to outline the structure of the Key Stage 4 curriculum and to explain the Options process.

The presentation will be held in the Main Hall at 6.00pm, repeated at 7.00pm and will be put on the School's website for parents who are unable to attend. It would be helpful if parents and students in Grants, Stocketts and Tenchleys could attend the presentation at 6.00pm while those in Detillens and Foyles attend the presentation at 7.00pm. Parents and students will also have the opportunity to gather more specific information by speaking with subject staff who will be based in rooms in the Meridian Building. There will be a room and staffing guide available on the evening.

The aims of the evening are to provide an opportunity to discuss option choices with staff and also to receive individual advice from subject staff and Heads of Department who will explain their courses. There are no timed appointments, the hope is that parents and students will organise the evening in the way that suits them best. The evening follows a week after the Year 8 Progress Review Evening on Thursday 8 March which should mean that students and parents have all the data needed to make informed choices.

The process of choosing GCSE options will begin with an assembly for all Year 8 students on Tuesday 20 February, the presentation from that assembly will be put on the school's website so that you are able to discuss it with your child. The Curriculum Guide will also be available to view or download from the website; this will provide clear information on the structure and content of the Key Stage 4 curriculum. Each tutor will have a few hard copies of the Curriculum Guide to use in tutor time during the second half of this term.

In February/March all students will have had the opportunity to work with Sarah Seager from Innervate Careers Service looking at making good choices. The aim of these sessions will be to support the decision making process linked to both Options and Careers. On the evening of Thursday 15 March staff from Innervate will be available to answer questions, as parents and students make GCSE option choices that may affect future career paths.



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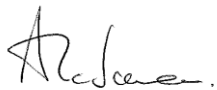
Over the coming weeks students will be exploring various career paths in tutor time and have been advised to use resources contained in the School Library or on the internet to research particular areas of interest further. Due to the importance of making good decisions at this stage, all students will be having an interview with a senior member of staff in the week commencing Monday 19 March. At this interview they will need to be able to discuss their subject choices and the reasons behind them.

The final part of the process for most students will be the submission of their Options choices; this must happen by **Monday 26 March at the latest**. Students will complete this part of the process on-line; it can be completed either in school or at home. Information about how to access the on-line form will be shared with students in tutor time, it will be shared with parents through the weekly bulletin and will also be put on the school's website.

A reminder that car parking for the Options Evening is available at the back of school, accessible via the Park Road entrance. I would urge parents not to park in the Barn Theatre car park nor on Bluehouse Lane directly outside school.

I look forward to meeting with you at Year 8 Progress Review Evening on Thursday 8 March and Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 15 March and trust that they will prove successful evenings for both you and your child.

Yours sincerely



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