

Year 8 Parent Notes

This week Miss Wheeler delivered an assembly that gave the students the key dates with regards the options process. A copy of the assembly presentation can be found by following the link under the Year 8 section of the school bulletin.

Students were told that they would have their options assembly on Tuesday 20 February where the process will be explained to them in detail. The presentation from this assembly will be uploaded on the school website. The options booklet that contains all the relevant information with regards options is on the school website already under the 'curriculum' tab. Although students do not need to worry about looking at this yet, if you would like to get ahead or are especially keen, you may like to read it through with your child. In essence, all students will continue with English, Maths, Science, RE and Core PE, most will also do English Literature. Students are expected to study one of History or Geography and a modern foreign language. A student would not be recommended to do a language option if they have a grade 5 or less in English currently. Nor would they be recommended to do computer science if they have less than a grade 5 in maths. After this they can choose two options from: Drama, Music, Art, Technology, IT/Computer Science, Business Studies, Child Development, Health & Social Care, PE/Sport BTEC and Media Studies.

In order to support students in coming to some kind of understanding about what they might like to do in the future, students have been invited to attend Future Friday talks which take place every Friday throughout the school year. These are arranged by Ms Lambert. This is where people in a particular job/profession come into school to talk about their job. They also take questions. This is aimed at helping students to understand more about the world of work and what it might be like to enter into a particular profession. Students can sign up to these talks via their tutor or directly to Ms Lambert at: klambert@oxtedschool.co.uk. They may sign up to a total of three talks throughout the year.

In addition, Ms Seager started career sessions this week with Year 8 students. All students will have a half hour session considering qualifications needed for various careers. These will happen over the next three weeks. They will also have a careers session with their tutor looking at the connection between being able to make good choices and having enough information.

We look forward to seeing you at Year 8 progress evening on Thursday 8 March.

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