

## Year 8 Parent Notes

We hope that you managed to make appointments with your son/daughter's teachers on Thursday. We hope that you were able to focus on the progress that your child is making in the subject and what they can do to further their achievement. Even if your child is not choosing a particular subject for GCSE, it is still useful to receive feedback on their attitude to their learning and learning style and what they can do to become 'GCSE ready'.

Options evening is on Thursday 15 March. You might want to have a plan for the evening in terms of which subjects you would like to visit. You may also want to think about writing down some questions that you have about each subject. This way you can make sure that you don't forget any questions that you wanted to task. You could download and annotate relevant pages from the options booklet if this helps and bring it with you.

Helpful hints for choosing options:

- 1) We do not advise that a student chooses Computer Science if their Maths grade is below a grade 5, but there may be exceptions - talk to subject staff at Options Evening
- 2) If your child currently studies a language and has a grade 5 or above in English, we would expect them to continue with their language
- 3) All students have to do either Geography or History. They can choose to do both but this will count as one of their 'options'
- 4) If your child really wants to do a language, but they have not been 'directed' to do one, they may choose to do one anyway. We would not prevent students doing a language

We hope that you have had some of your questions answered during Progress Review evening. We also hope that you are looking forward to having the opportunity to ask more questions at Options evening. After this time, if there are still questions that you have, you would be welcome to email [y8options@oxtedschool.co.uk](mailto:y8options@oxtedschool.co.uk) or the subject teacher directly. Options choices are due to be made by Monday 26 March.

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