



Thursday 19 March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 8 GCSE Options Evening

Further to our letter of 4 March, we are writing to invite families to book their place at our Options Evening on **Thursday 26 March, 4.45pm-6.30pm.**

Our Options Evening is for Year 8 students and parents/ carers to help you make informed decisions when choosing GCSE Options. The Options Fair provides you with the opportunity to speak with staff and older students for each subject and gather information on the subjects that your child may be interested in studying in Year 9. There is also a presentation about the options process.

The Options fair will be in the Sports Hall between 4.45pm and 6.30pm, please visit this before or after your presentation.

Please book your place for one of the presentations on Eventbrite using the links below.

There is availability for all Year 8 families to attend.

[5pm Presentation Thursday 26 March](#)

Please book one ticket per family. Please sign in at **Main Reception** where you will also collect your Options booklet. You will be able to **visit our options fair after the presentation.**

[6pm Presentation Thursday 26 March](#)

Please book one ticket per family. Please **visit our options fair before the presentation.** Please arrive at the **SPA Reception** (entrance to the Sports Hall) to sign in and collect your Options booklet.

Please visit our website for [Year 8 Guided Choices](#), our Options booklet is also online [here](#) and includes details of our courses offered and the options process.

Please note that parking on the night will be limited to the spaces in the school car park and hardstanding spaces at our Sports Field. We ask that you be considerate to our neighbours when parking. We would encourage walking to the event rather than driving where possible.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 26th March.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pattison
Vice Principal

George Lewis
Assistant Principal



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Date	Year 8 Guided Choices - Events
Monday 2 February onwards	Year 8 careers guidance meetings - all students have a conversation with a Level 6 qualified careers advisor, Mrs J Ripley (preliminary discussion about interests).
Monday 2 February	Year 8 assembly options launch.
During March	Taster sessions begin for all subjects - teachers will explain in detail what it is like to study the subject, how learning is assessed, career opportunities and answer any related questions.
Monday 2 March	Progress Report 2 sent home - Students should look at their report with a parent/carer and decide which subjects they will enjoy doing.
Monday 2 March	Academic Mentoring - Discussion of intended option choices through tutors Students will have time to go over their report with their tutor and discuss relevant objectives
Tuesday 10 March	Online meeting between tutor, parents and student to help inform choices (please book this appointment through MCAS parent's evenings)
Thursday 19 March	Careers Networking day (during the school day event): students will meet several business partners and alumni to ask about their jobs and progression routes
Thursday 26 March	Options Evening – Options Subject Fair (4.45pm – 6.30pm) This is an in-school event for students and parents. It is an opportunity for parents to attend a presentation and attend the Options Fair to talk to teachers and older students about the subjects offered. (Presentations to be booked through Eventbrite). You will collect a copy of the options booklet at this event when you sign in at Main reception
Thursday 26 March	Options form available through MCAS
Monday 20 April	Options form submission deadline
July	Formal confirmation of allocated options sent to students and parents