



Wednesday 4 March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 8 GCSE Options

At Lincroft, we believe **careers education** is paramount for ensuring that our students are able to make the best decisions as they go through their academic life and start to think about their further education and future career options. We are writing to inform you about the plans that are underway to support Year 8 with choosing their GCSE options. We would also like to invite you to two upcoming events:

Tuesday 10 March Online meeting with tutor to discuss the GCSE process. Please log in to your MCAS account to make an appointment. **The booking system will open at 7.30pm this evening.**

Thursday 26 March Year 8 Options Information Evening, 4.45pm–6.30pm. Please add this date to your diary. We will send a further invitation for you to sign up for one of two presentations in the run up to this event.

Our Options booklet will be published **here** on Monday 9 March. It will include details of all our courses and more detailed information about the options process.

The timeline of events to support your child through this process is provided on the back of this letter.

If you have any enquiries or Unifrog log-in issues please contact jripley@lincroft.academy.

We look forward to welcoming you virtually on Tuesday 10 March and in person on Thursday 26 March.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pattison
Vice Principal

George Lewis
Assistant Principal



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Date	Supportive Event
Monday 2 February	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. 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