

16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 8 Parent Partnership & Guided Choices Evening**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 4:00pm – 7:00pm**

I am pleased to inform you about the upcoming combined Y8 Parent Partnership and Guided Choices (Options) evening. This pack contains the following:

- Parent Partnership appointment sheet
- Y8 into Y9 Guided Choices (options) form
- Key Stage 4 subject information booklet

**Key Stage 4 Options:**

Your child is about to embark upon choosing the subjects which they would prefer to study at Key Stage 4 (KS4), year 9 to year 11. Making the right choices is vital in supporting your child to give them the very best future pathway and career opportunities, whether this be sixth form, college or apprenticeships and training.

We request that you take the time to read the enclosed subject information booklet with your child. It contains a lot of information to support your child's choices regarding the subjects they wish to study. Some subjects are compulsory for all students. These are English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science (students will choose either Triple Science or Combined Science). They will then choose their option subjects.

To provide parents with additional information on the options process and Key Stage 4 requirements there will be a 20-minute presentation for parents in the Theatre delivered by Mrs Brackenridge. This presentation will be held at 5:00pm and repeated again at 6:00pm.

The deadline for return of your child's Guided Choice form is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Forms are to be returned to form tutors.

**Parent Partnership and Guided Choices Evening:**

We will be combining our Year 8 Parent Partnership Evening with the opportunity to find out additional information about the KS4 courses available to your child. We request your attendance, together with your child, at this important event.

The evening will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's current subject teachers in order to discuss achievement, progress and agree specific action points to help your child achieve

their target levels. **As a priority, students should make appointments to see their core subject teachers (English, Maths and Science) and the teachers of subjects they're interested in considering as an option to discuss current progress and aptitude for future study.**

The Parent Partnership Evening will operate on an appointment system. Your child is responsible for making individual appointments with each subject teacher; please find the Appointment Booking Form enclosed. This should be done as soon as possible to secure your appointment time.

We believe it is essential that we give our students every opportunity to maximise success across the curriculum, giving them the very best chance for their future careers and aspirations.

Please **confirm your attendance via ParentPay by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C. Gilbert  
Head of School



Mrs S. Brackenridge  
Senior Assistant Headteacher