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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

### **Option Choices for Year 9**

Over the next few months, our Year 8 students will be making their option choices ready to start their GCSE and other Key Stage 4 subjects in Year 9. We run a three year Key Stage 4 with examinations sat at the end of Year 11. This gives students the time to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they will need to achieve their potential in the new, more demanding academic and vocational courses.

We are committed to providing support and guidance to enable students to make the right choice in order to fulfil their potential. I would like to inform you of the process by which Year 8 students will be making their options choices for next year.

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 – Year 8 Pathways Assembly with Dan Pugh-Evans from St Peter’s College, Oxford**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Futures Day** – this will take place in school giving students an opportunity to consider choices about their education and career as well as introducing them to the options process.

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 - Year 8 Options Evening 18:00-20:00.** All Year 8 students along with their parents/carers are invited to join us for the Year 8 Options Evening in which we will provide detailed information about the options process and the subjects that are on offer.

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 16:00-19:00 – Pathways Meetings.** We will be meeting all Year 8 students and their parents/carers to ensure continued support and advice about their chosen options for next year. Individual appointment times will be allocated to all students and handed to students to bring home nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

**Mr J Scott**  
Co-Headteacher