



10th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Option Choice for Key Stage 4 Courses 2026-2029
Information Evening: Wednesday 14th January 2026, 4.45pm – 6.30pm

Towards the end of next term (Wednesday 11th March), your child will be asked to decide on the range of subjects they wish to study at Key Stage 4 to public examination level at the end of Year 11.

You and your child are warmly invited to this important Information Evening, which we have arranged for Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the **Lower School (South) building**. During the evening we will:

- give you the fullest possible information about all the courses available
- explain the process of choosing subjects which support the needs and ambitions of your child
- summarise the advice offered in school so that, together, we can help your child to make appropriate decisions

On the school website you will find a copy of the [Key Stage 4 Options Booklet](#). It would be helpful if you could consider all the information provided in this booklet before Wednesday 14th January. A paper copy will be sent home with your child in the final week of this term.

The information evening will be divided into two parts:

- an Options Presentation delivered jointly by Ms Rao and Mr Myers in South Hall, giving you a clear overview of the whole options process
- subject information displays located throughout the Lower School building, giving you an opportunity to talk to department teachers about their KS4 courses

To help the evening run smoothly, the activities are split as follows:

- The first presentation will be from 4.45pm to 5.30pm. Parents/Carers and students attending **Presentation 1** will then be able to visit the **Subject Information Displays** from 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Parents/Carers and students arriving after the start of the first presentation will be able to visit the **Subject Information Displays** from 4.45pm to 5.45pm, before attending **Presentation 2** from 5.45pm to 6.30pm

Car parking space is limited. If you need to bring your car, please approach the school via Hazelwick School Close. Student attendants will direct you to an appropriate parking area.

Year 8 Examinations

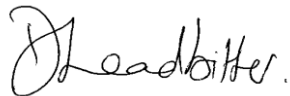
The Year 8 exams start on Monday 26th January and end on Friday 30th January.

Departmental revision materials will be set for each student on [Satchel:one](#), offering information, curriculum content and revision activities to help prepare them for the exams. Subject teachers will also be supporting them in their work over the coming weeks. They will receive their own copy of the examination timetable and Mr Myers will deliver an assembly to go through the exam arrangements.

Performance in these exams will provide us all with useful information - the results will be one of several important factors for consideration during the Options process. More information about this will be given during the Information Evening.

We look forward to working with you in support of our students as they embark on this important period of their school career.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr Leadbitter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mr Leadbitter
Headteacher