



7th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Option Choice for Key Stage 4 Courses 2023-2026
Information Evening: Wednesday 11th January 2023, 4.45pm – 6.30pm

Towards the end of next term (Wednesday 8th March), your son or daughter will be asked to decide on the range of subjects he or she wishes to study at Key Stage 4 to public examination level at the end of Year 11.

You are warmly invited to this important Information Evening, which we have arranged for Wednesday 11th January 2023 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 son/daughter
- summarise the advice offered in school so that, together, we can help your son/daughter 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 11th 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 Mr Leadbitter 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 (at 4.45pm) 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. Please do not block the gates at the Hazelwick Avenue end of the site, since these will be opened for exit at the end of the evening.

Year 8 Examinations

The Year 8 exams start on Monday 23rd January and end on Friday 27th January.

Year 8 students will soon be issued with a booklet offering guidance about preparation for the examinations and subject teachers will 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, appearing to read 'A Fearon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms A Fearon
Headteacher