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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 GCSE Options Event – Monday 1st March

This year we will be launching our Virtual GCSE Options process on Monday, 1st March 2021. In Year 8, students have important decisions to make about their option choices as most students will choose four additional GCSE subjects. On 1st March we will be giving your child time to prepare for this decision, and we would like them to use this day as an opportunity to research their GCSE choices.

The format of the day will be as follows:

- **8.50am – 9.10: Virtual Assembly** All Year 8 students should attend this assembly. During the assembly I will talk through the options process and the activities available to them throughout the day.
- **9.10-15.10:** Students will be able to choose how they structure their day; they will be given access to a SharePoint page where they will be able to find out about the courses that are available to them. This will include 'Streams' from subject staff.
- Students will also be able to attend live events, these include:
 - Virtual talks given by local colleges and Sixth Form provider
 - Virtual Advice and a Slice events, with employers. Those attending the lunchtime event will be entered into a pizza raffle.
- **16.00-18.00: Tripod evening.** Subject staff will be available to discuss option subjects – this will be a bookable event. Sarah Pawlewski Careers Advisor will also be available for one to one appointments.
- **18.00-19.00 Q & A:** With Sarah Pawlewski our Careers Advisor - an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions.

We hope that the options event will be a valuable opportunity for you and your child to find out about the various subjects on offer and future qualifications that are available to them. The options process will open on the 1st March and close on the 26th March. We do not allocate subjects on a first come, first served basis so we are giving you time to make this important decision. The link to the application process will be on the SharePoint page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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