



Chesterton Community Sports College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Options Process

As a Year 8 pupil, your child has a very busy few weeks coming up. The options process is about to begin and the following dates are of importance:

- ▶ 4th March – Year 8 Assembly
- ▶ 11th March – Letters will be issued
- ▶ 18th March – Option Taster sessions begin
- ▶ 18th March – Options Booklet issued
- ▶ 27th March – Reports sent home
- ▶ 28th March – Ebacc (English, Maths, Science and French) and SEN Parents evening - 3.30 – 7.30pm
- ▶ 4th April – Options Evening 6.00 -8.00pm
- ▶ 4th April – Option Form with final blocks given
- ▶ 8th April – Deadline for forms
- ▶ 29th April – Final choices given

This year we have decided to have two evening events. The first event (28th March) is a parents' evening of a traditional format; you will have the opportunity to make appointments with teachers of the core subjects (English, Maths, Science and MFL). These subjects are compulsory GCSEs and this will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding your child's progress as they enter GCSE courses. If your child has special educational needs, a member of the support team will also be available for you to discuss appropriate options for your child should you want this support.

In addition to this, we have the Option Evening on the 4th April. On this evening you will have the opportunity to visit option subject staff and have discussions regarding courses and requirements. For this evening, no appointments are necessary. You can attend in an 'Open House' capacity. There will be an introductory speech with myself and Mr Swindells at 6pm.

The option application forms will be distributed on the Option Evening and will then need to be returned by the 8th April (to the office). Your child has to choose four subjects from four option blocks. This year we have placed both History and Geography into the option blocks (this meaning both can be chosen, one of them or neither if preferred). It is important that they make a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for each block. In most cases, pupils will get their first choice but where demand is high, 2nd choices will be given.

We hope to see you all on the 28th March and then on the 4th April for the Option Evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Waterhouse.
Deputy Headteacher

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Acknowledgement Slip

I will/will not be attending the Parents' Evening on **28th March**
I will/will not be attending the Option's Evening on **4th April**

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian

