

Dear Parent,

### Year 8 Options Process

I hope that you and your families are well and your child is settling well into the routine of online learning.

The Spring term marks an exciting and important time for the Year 8 cohort as they will be choosing their GCSE options in preparation for starting year 9 in September 2021. Year 8 students will be guided through a rigorous process to determine the best combination of subjects to take at GCSE.

Please find some key dates to consider below:

- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** Options process introduction assembly to students in tutor time (8.40am)
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Subject assemblies delivered during tutor time as timetabled below. *(Please note that all students are expected to attend **all** of the options assemblies to allow them to make an informed decision)*

Date	Subject	Staff
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Drama	Miss Mulrenan
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Computer Science and Business	Mr Linnell
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Fine Art, Graphic Design, Resistant Materials and Textiles	Mrs Parsons
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance	Miss May
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	History and Geography	Mr Devoy
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	PE, Health and Fitness and GCSE PE	Miss Beard
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	French and Spanish	Miss Ezraty, Ms Fry
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Food Technology	Miss Clarke
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Music	Mrs James

- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Progress evening/Options evening
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Final options forms deadline

To access the assemblies the students will be required to log on to Teams and access the Year 8 Teams group where the assembly will be delivered following our usual on-line etiquette. We will be unable to give time for questions at the end of the assemblies but kindly ask that these are reserved for progress evening where members of each department will be happy to provide further information or clarity.

In order to ensure students are fully prepared they will take part in 3 'fantasy' options prior to completing their final selections. It must be pointed out that the year group curriculum will be based around the final options of the full cohort and there may not be room for movement if first choices are not awarded. We advise parents and carers to spend time at home discussing options in order to support students in making an informed decision; an options booklet will be provided to students detailing the compulsory (core) subjects alongside the options subjects available to further support the choices made.

The deadlines for the fantasy options are listed below. Forms will be emailed to the students alongside an email reminder to parents.

1. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Fantasy Options Round 1
2. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Fantasy Options Round 2
3. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Fantasy Options Round 3
4. **Final Options Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

If you have any questions regarding the assemblies, options booklet and for any further information, we will be placing all documents on our school website in the curriculum section for you to access.

Please find the link here:

<https://www.jubileehigh.surrey.sch.uk/1788/Year-8-Options>

Alternatively, please contact your child/children's tutor either via email or by contacting the main office.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely



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