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Dear parents and carers of students in Year 8

Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 7 February 2019

We are coming into an important period for your child who has to make option choices for the next stage of their school career and so I am writing to invite you to our forthcoming Options Evening.

There will be a presentation for **Year 8 parents and students at 6.30 – 7.15 pm** in the main hall when I will describe the Highlands key stage 4 curriculum and explain how you and your child can let me know your subject preferences. We will also give you a booklet to guide you through the options process.

After the presentation, you will get the chance to go and speak to the experts – the teachers who are delivering the key stage 4 option subjects in their subject rooms. You are also welcome to talk to me after the presentation! In addition, we will have an Enfield careers advisor on hand to provide brief careers advice on the evening or to enable you to make a careers appointment for your child.

This year we are using a number of ways to support Year 8 students in making informed choices. These include: peer advice from older students during tutor time, an options booklet, a short programme in Citizenship lessons and an options half day off timetable. The Year 8 parents evening is on the 13 February which will be another useful opportunity to consult staff.

The options form should be completed online and I will send you details of how to do this by email. The deadline for the form to be submitted is **Monday 25 February. All forms submitted by this date will be treated equally**, but late option choices may be at a disadvantage when choices for oversubscribed courses are considered.

As you would expect, courses will only run if there are viable numbers of students opting for them.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me on FeldmanD@Highlands.Enfield.sch.uk.

Please note that school uniform is not required for the options evening.

Yours sincerely

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