



19 January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 8

Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 1 February 2018

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 give your child a booklet to guide you through the options process nearer the time.

After the presentation, you will get the chance to go and speak to the experts – the teachers who are delivering the KS4 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 for 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, taster GCSE lessons in Languages, an options booklet, a short programme in Citizenship lessons and an options half day off timetable. The Year 8 parents evening is on the **6 February** which will be a 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 19 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.

The options booklets is already available on the **Options** section of the **Learning** page of our website www.highlands.enfield.sch.uk, in time for this options evening. Check you are looking at the 2018 booklet for the current year group of your child.

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 this options evening. It would be a good idea to bring your options booklet with you but it is not required.

Yours sincerely

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