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Dear Parent/Guardian

From July 2018 your child will begin their Year 9 studies and they will have some choice in the subjects they study. It is essential that the choices they make are informed ones and, as such, we will have two events to help both you and your child gather the necessary information to make those choices.

Year 8 options presentation and marketplace: 4.30pm – 7pm Thursday 1st March 2018
(Presentations will be in the Conference Centre and the Marketplace will be in the Main Hall on Upper Site)

The Marketplace will be an opportunity for parents and staff to look at the individual subjects, gather information on course content and possible career paths. Your child will begin some level 2 (GCSE) courses next year and I recommend you attend the evening to give yourself the chance to discuss the courses with myself and subject staff. Before you attend the marketplace, there will be a presentation about the options process in the Conference centre on upper site; these will start at the following times:

- 4.30pm
- 5.00pm
- 5.30pm
- 6.00pm.

Please indicate which you will attend on the reply slip.

Further to this, the Science department will be attending the event to inform you about the changes that have recently occurred in Science and to provide you with information about Combined Science and Separate Science. Parking will be available on **Lower Site only**. If you need access to the disabled spaces on Upper site please contact the school office with your registration number.

Year 8 progress evening: 4.30pm - 7.00pm in the Maths Block – Lower Site
Thursday 8th March 2018 ‘S’ half – 8AWR, 8DBA, 8KSE, 8SGR, 8DNN
Thursday 15th March 2018 ‘P’ half – 8ZT, 8RHI, 8CK, 8MFB, 8HT

This evening will be a chance to discuss how your child has improved throughout the year and to ascertain their suitability for each subject with their individual teachers. Students are asked to make their own appointments for you to see members of staff, I should be grateful if you would discuss with your son/daughter which staff you would like to see. The latest scan will be a good point of reference to bring with you on the night.

Friday 23rd March - *Deadline for submitting option choices (This will be an online submission).*

Yours sincerely

Mr James Ryan
Director of Learning Year 8

Year 8 Options events – March 2018

Please return to the Learning Manager by **Friday 16th February** at the very latest.

Student name.....Form.....

Attendance Reply – Please clearly circle your choice:

Options Presentations & Market Place - 4.30pm 5.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm

Attendance confirmation for Progress Evening - S Half P Half

Signed:(Parent/Guardian) Date:.....

