

March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Curriculum Developments and Parent Evening

We wrote to you during last term explaining that as a result of GCSE courses becoming much more rigorous we have made the decision for students to commence the learning of certain GCSE subjects at the start of Year 9. Allowing students to have this extended amount of time will help them to consolidate their learning fully, so as to ensure that they achieve the highest possible grade by the end of Year 11.

During the Curriculum Evening on 22 January, Mr Huntington explained that students will need to make a decision about certain subjects they would like to study across humanities, design and technology, PE and performing arts. It is important to note that students will still have the option of being able to study both history and geography for GCSE in the long term, as our curriculum model allows students to select the other humanities discipline as part of the GCSE options process.

Due to the academic rigour of the computer science course at GCSE, our most able mathematicians will commence learning this course during their core ICT lessons.

There will be opportunity at the forthcoming Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 22 March for you to discuss with your child's teacher which course is the most suitable. Please can you return the reply slip below by **Friday 23 March** indicating your child's preferences.

Thank you for your continuing support

Yours sincerely



**Mrs K Wiltshire
Vice Principal**

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Reply slip

Please return this slip to Mrs Wainwright by Friday 23 March.

Student's name _____ TG _____

✓ Please select **ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography
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✓ Please select **TWO**

<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation and Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Resistant Materials
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Every child must study core PE but please can you indicate whether your child would prefer to study performing arts alongside their core PE lesson, or have an additional lesson of PE.

✓ Please select **ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional lesson of PE
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