

4th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, Year 8 pupils are approaching the time when they will have some choice over which subjects they will take next year leading to GCSE examinations in 2026. This is not an unlimited choice as we ask that pupils follow a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore expect them to continue their studies in the GCSEs of Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Science, a Humanities subject and a Modern Foreign Language.

Between now and May 2023, when they will be asked to make their choices, Year 8 pupils will have a number of opportunities to reflect on their preferences during the tutor time programme as well as in PDL lessons and careers focus days. They will also be given 'taster' sessions of new GCSE subjects they will not have experienced before, such as Photography or Sociology so that they can make informed choices.

With this in mind there will be an information evening for the parents and pupils of Year 8 where the process and permutations of choosing GCSE subjects will be explained in more detail. This initial information evening will be held on Monday 10th October in the school's Main Hall from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

We look forward to meeting with you on this evening.

Yours sincerely



Mr Wharton
Deputy Headteacher