

2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options

I am writing to explain the process for choosing Year 8 Options this year. In any other year, we would normally go through this process with the pupils in tutor times and assemblies but, of course, this is not a normal year so we are approaching the choosing of Options a little differently. Hopefully, with our new ways of working, technology-wise, the process should be quite straightforward.

On the school's website you will find, under the 'Learning' tab, a section entitled 'Options'. In this section you will find an electronic copy of the main Options booklet to peruse at your leisure. Pages 1 to 5 explain the subjects that are core and which ones can be opted for while from page 6 onwards you will find summaries of all subject outlines. On the last page you will find the Google Form code with which to make your child's option choices.

To help with this process there are also a number of screencasts recorded by subject teachers and found on the same tab on the website. Each screencast is a 3 – 5 minute recording explaining what the subject is about. I recommend that you and your child watch the recordings before making decisions, especially of those subjects that may be new – such as Health and Fitness or Media Studies.

I have also recorded a screencast and placed it in the Options tab on the website. This is to help you navigate the Google Form and explain the process by which your child can choose their options. Hopefully it should be clear but if you have any further questions regarding any of the subject details you can ask for clarification by emailing options21@springfield.uk.net and your question will be directed to the most appropriate person. From the 8th March, with the school re-opening fully, your child can also ask their teachers directly if they have any queries.

I would ask that the Google Form be completed by Monday 22nd March please so that we can start to plan for September 2021.

Yours faithfully



Mr W Wharton
Deputy Headteacher