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### **Year 8 Options Evening - Postponed**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you on 24<sup>th</sup> January regarding the Year 8 Options Evening this Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. I would like to apologise for the short notice, but we have decided to postpone this event. The reason for this is that we are reviewing our curriculum as part of our School Development Plan priorities for this year and are working to ensure that we have the best curriculum available for our students.

Recent guidance from Ofsted has highlighted some controversy about the lengths of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 that schools choose to implement. Further clarification was published very recently by Ofsted on the 9<sup>th</sup> January from Sean Harford, HMI and National Director for Education. The changes to guidance and inspection implemented in September 2019 have left schools unclear about the Government's position on this. We want to ensure that our decisions are in line with statutory guidance and the requirements of statutory bodies as well as best meeting the needs of our students.

While we fully review the guidance and continue to review our provision in the best interests of our students, we feel it is pertinent to postpone the Options Evening. Currently, we have not made a final decision about any changes to options, but we feel that we should take a little more time to research, review and consult in order that the right decision is made in light of these national changes.

I hope you will understand and support our reason for postponing this event and I apologise for the short notice. We aim to update you again shortly after February half term when we will publish a new date for this evening.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Headteacher



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