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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Options Process

The Year 8 options process has begun. Over the next two months we will be working closely with Year 8 students to help them select their courses for Key Stage 4.

Students will receive a copy of the options booklet within their CITRS lessons at least a week before options evening on 13th March. The booklet explains the process and all the courses on offer. It will also be available on the school website in the curriculum section.

During this time, students will have a number of their assemblies devoted to the options process, supported by tutor time and CITRS lessons. Students will also be able to book appointments to see Miss Griffiths, our Careers Advisor, if required.

The Options Evening on **Wednesday, 13th March 2018**, is very important as it will give you information and advice regarding option choices which will help you support your child in their options. There will be a number of seminars on the evening outlining the rationale of the recent changes to both the options process and qualifications. The seminars will be at 5.00pm for students in tutor groups 81-84 and 5.30pm for students in 85-88, in the Main Hall. After the seminar you will be able to visit the options marketplace in the sports hall.

The key dates for Year 8 parents' diaries are:

13th March	Year 8 Options Evening (5pm to 7pm)
29th March	Deadline for Options Form to be completed
W/B 23rd April	Individual options interviews with either the form tutor, Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Ward (Head of Year) or myself.

Yours sincerely

Mr. I. Little
Assistant Headteacher