

20 January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options Tuesday 31 January, 2017 16:30 – 19:00

Your son/daughter is due to select the GCSE/BTEC option subjects that they will study between years 9 to year 11. As students make the transition into Key Stage 4, these subjects will help personalise their education to guide future study and career opportunities.

It is essential that courses be selected carefully to ensure the best outcome for your child. Therefore, during this process, students will be working closely with staff concerning their potential choices. Please be reassured that we intend to make every effort to meet individual preferences.

However, it is important to note that there may be instances where we are unable to accommodate every request. If this should occur, we will endeavour to allocate the most suitable alternative after consultation.

Options Taster Day is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 25 January**. Your child has already selected the subjects they would like to sample and will be attending special sessions designed to introduce them to GCSE requirements for these courses.

From **Monday 30 January to Friday 10 February**, students will be given the opportunity to participate in career interviews. Experts in the field will conduct these and it will further increase your child's ability to make informed subject selections.

Options Evening will be held on **Tuesday 31 January 16:30 to 19:00**. You are expected to accompany your child to this event. Here, you will have the chance to talk to a member of the Leadership Team about the options they have chosen. We will provide further information, advice and guidance regarding subject combinations, future career aspirations and pathways.

If you are unable to attend the evening, please ensure the Options Request Form has been completed and handed to your child's House Tutor by **Thursday 9 February**.

An options booklet containing subject summaries and the Options Request Form are available on the school website. The Options Request Form must be completed and brought to the Option Evening. Please discuss your child's choices with them prior to this event.

I look forward to meeting you on the 31 January.

If you have any queries please email me at sarah.pereira@langleyacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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Ms Pereira - Raising Standards Leader Year 8