

14 January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 8 is an extremely important time for Birchwood students, as they start to consider their future and by Monday 11 March all students will have chosen the subjects that they plan to study for the next three years; the subjects that will give them the right qualifications to take them to the next step in their lives.

On Tuesday 5 February we will be holding our GCSE Options information evening for students and parents. This event is vital for parents and students to discuss possible option subjects with teachers, as well as attend a presentation giving key information and advice about qualifications and expectations in the 21st century as well as our application process.

We hope that by the end of this event, all of your questions will be answered and that your child/children will have the information necessary to choose the right courses for them.

Students will be given an Information, Advice and Guidance booklet to bring home on Friday prior to the event, Friday 1 February, so they are able to look at the subject information with yourselves. **Important:** Please remember to bring the brochure with you on Options Evening together with your GCSE Options Form.

Due to the large numbers of people that will attend, please note the talk times allocated for each form.

5.00 - 7.15 pm	Subject information (see the Options Booklet for more information)
5.00 - 5.30 pm	Options talk in hall (Forms 8MAS, 8KCD, 8AFN)
5.45 - 6.15 pm	Options talk in hall (Forms 8RGD, 8CLE, 8TMN)
6.30 - 7.00 pm	Options talk in hall (Forms 8HPN/LTR, 8LRN)
7.30 pm	Close

Please note that students will be expected to attend wearing their school uniform. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Yours sincerely

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