



The Winstanley School

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

During year 8 all students have the opportunity to choose the options subjects they will take at GCSE. By doing this in year 8 we have created time to enable our students to experience each subject in greater depth, whilst ensuring that students feel more in control of their curriculum. This prevents the feeling of 'wasted' time in year 9, when some students do not value all their subjects equally.

The options booklet included with this letter provides details of the courses which we are offering. We have designed a broad and balanced curriculum, which includes at least one subject chosen from French, Spanish, history or geography to ensure that we meet government curriculum expectations. A choice of pathway is allocated to each student based on their prior attainment at KS2 and progress during years 7 and 8.

We would like to invite you to join us for an Options Evening on Thursday 13th February between 4.00pm and 6.30pm in the school hall. At this evening, you will be able to meet teachers to discuss option choices. You will also be able to book appointments to discuss your child's progress in Science, Maths and English with their teachers should you want to.

Following the options evening a member of the senior team will meet with your son/daughter, alongside yourself, if you wish to attend, to provide further advice and guidance about option choices and future pathways. These interviews are scheduled to take place during the week beginning 24th February 2020. Please could you indicate on the reply slip if you would like to attend this meeting. There will be the opportunity to sign up for an options interview during the evening on 13th February.

We look forward to seeing parents and students at the options evening on 13th. However, should you wish to discuss anything before that date, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Le Cras
Deputy Head of School