

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, at The Harefield Academy we run our GCSE courses from the start of Year 9. As such, we are starting the process of giving the Year 8 students the opportunity to choose their options for their GCSEs.

We have a well-planned structure of support to help guide the students through the options process. The Senior Leadership Team in The Academy will soon be meeting with all Year 8 students to discuss the option subjects open to them alongside the core curriculum delivery that all students will complete, which comprises of English, Maths, Science, PE and PSHE. The purpose of these meetings is to support the students with their choices and help them make informed decisions about their future.

The Options Evening will be held on the **7th March 2018** and it would be fantastic to see as many students and parents there as possible to consider the options that are available to the students. Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak to subject staff about the subjects on offer in order to support the students in making informed choices about their GCSE subjects.

Please find below a list of the key dates in the options process for Year 8 students.

Thursday 18th January - Options Assembly to all Year 8 students by Mrs Timmins.

Friday 19th January - Wednesday 21st February - Option subject talks in the Circle Room during Tutor Time.

Monday 29th January - Friday 9th February – Senior Leadership ‘one-to-one’ meetings with all Year 8 students.

Friday 2nd March - An Option Choices Course Guide will be sent home to support parents and students with their choices.

Wednesday 7th March 6.00pm – 7.30pm - Options Evening at The Harefield Academy.

Friday 23rd March - Final deadline for all option choices to be returned to The Academy.

We look forward to working closely with you at this transition stage in your child’s education.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Timmins
Assistant Headteacher