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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Options Process

I hope that this communication finds you all in good health and that you are managing to keep warm. We hope that, in the next few weeks, we will hear some positive news from the Government about a return to school. You will receive clear guidance from Mr Carlyle as soon as decisions are made.

This time of the academic year, I would usually be sending communication home with an invitation to attend the Year 8 Options Information Evening. Sadly, such an event will not be possible in the usual format. However, we will still be able to provide all the information that you require to best support your child in making the right choices at this exciting time in their school life.

After half-term, I will be broadcasting an Options Assembly, via Teams, to provide an overview of the process to the students. This will be followed-up by a recorded presentation that will be shared via the website. The presentation will detail all information that you will need to know and provide links to many helpful websites. Subject Leaders have recorded an informative video about their subject to aid the decision-making process. You will also be encouraged to contact teachers directly with any questions that you may have.

A timeline is detailed below:

- Tuesday 23 February: Options Assembly - 9.30 am (Teams).
- Tuesday 2 March: Options Assembly – 9.30 am (Teams) questions answered and further information shared.
- Wednesday 3 March: Options Presentation posted on the website. This will also include videos from Subject Leaders.
- Monday 15 March: The Option choices made online. Monday 29 March – Deadline.
- April-May: Option choices will be checked and contact will be made with parents if further communication is required about the choices.
- Monday 24 May: Confirmation of choices to parents.

As part of the process, teachers will be sharing helpful information about the content of their subject during Teams lessons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support with online learning.

We realise that this has been a very challenging time for everyone. Let us hope that we will soon hear positive news about being able to welcome larger numbers of students back to school.

Yours sincerely

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