



April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 8 OPTIONS PROCESS

We write to inform you of the forthcoming dates for the Year 8 Options process and explain what you need to do to support your child during this important time. All subject courses have been updated this means that they will have a full three years to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve in the new GCSE courses.

Before the Options Evening we will be talking to Year 8 students in Assemblies to ensure they have all information possible and each student will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to discuss their possible choices. Parents are encouraged to attend these interviews with their child.

Key Dates

Year 8 Options Week – 29th April – 2nd May, 2019

Information on individual Option subjects in assemblies.

Year 8 Options Evening – Thursday 2nd May – 4.30 – 6.30pm

This is an opportunity for parents and students to find out about the choices available and how the options procedure works.

The evening will be held on the Ark William Parker site – parents should enter by the **Parkstone Road entrance** and make their way to the Dance Studio for an introductory talk. There will be two talks, presented by Ms Powell and Mr Connor at 4.30pm and 5.30 pm, following this parents and students are welcome to consult with individual subject staff in the main Hall.

Year 8 Individual student interviews

Will be held from 7th May onwards, it is proposed that these interviews will take place during the late afternoons and early evenings of that week.

Students and parents will be informed of the date and time of their interview at the Options Evening.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Connor
Vice Principal

Executive Principal: Yvonne Powell, OBE