



4 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Options for Year 8

As you will be aware throughout Years 7 and 8 all students cover a compulsory range of subjects. As students move into their Key Stage 4 studies there is some element of choice as students select their options. The courses offered allow students to develop their personal interests whilst retaining the breadth of knowledge and skills necessary for them to be successful after they leave the Sixth Form.

Throughout this term students have been working with staff regarding their option choices. It is important that course choices are selected carefully to ensure the very best for your son/daughter.

During the option process we make every attempt to meet individual preferences, however there are occasions that this is not always possible due to lack of interest in a particular course that year.

All students will have an opportunity to meet with a member of staff to discuss their option choices. In addition, there will be taster sessions to allow students to experience the subjects at first-hand and make informed choices.

We recognise the importance of effective Information, Advice and Guidance in relation to careers, apprenticeships and Higher Education. This advice is delivered across all year groups. Details of these can be found on the school website. We are very fortunate to have our own careers advisor in school, Mrs McKay.

All information about individual subjects is available on the school website and we ask you to carefully consider this information in discussions with your son/daughter.

On **Monday 4th March** there will be a meeting in school for Year 8 parents/carers and students to explain the options process.

We kindly ask that Year 8 parents arrive for 5.45pm, where a schedule and a presentation will be given.

This will supplement the taster sessions of the option subjects on Thursday 7th February 2019, which will form part of the year 8 options day.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shields in the first instance should you require any further assistance at options@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Walsh
Headteacher