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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Options Process

I am writing to outline some key dates for you regarding the Year 8 options process, which will help your child to select optional courses of study alongside the core subjects in Year 9, the first year of Key Stage 4.

December 2018 – January 2019	During registration, students will visit our Careers Centre to meet our Careers Manager, Mrs Murray and explore resources available to them.
January – February	During registration, students will complete their 'Steps for Year 8' workbooks containing a range of activities to help them when thinking about their future.
Wednesday 30th January (8.45am)	Options assembly for Year 8 students. Each student will be given a booklet containing details of all subjects available at KS4.
Wednesday 30th January (6pm)	Year 8 Options Evening led by Mr Hardy, Deputy Headteacher, outlining the options process for parents and carers.
January – February	Promotional assemblies and some taster lessons will take place for new subjects.
Week Commencing 11th February	Students will discuss and complete a practice options form in registration time.
Wednesday 6th March	N side tutor groups' Parent/Carer/Teacher consultation evening. All students will also receive a one-to-one options appointment with their Year Coordinator or a senior member of staff.
Tuesday 12th March	H side tutor groups' Parent/Carer/Teacher consultation evening, as detailed above.
Friday 15th March	DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF ALL OPTION FORMS <i>Your child can hand their options form in to their Form Tutor any day after their Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening with the final deadline being the end of registration on 15th March 2019.</i>

It would also be very helpful if all families could spend time talking through subject options with their child to further support them in their decision making. To do this, you can find out more information about the subjects studied at KS4 by accessing Fronter (via your child's log-in) and clicking on the 'NHHS Careers Room'. Please scroll down and click on Year 8. Each faculty is represented with an informative PowerPoint containing further details about the subject. Your support in doing this would be greatly appreciated by both us and your children!

We look forward to working with you closely at this transition stage in your child's education and meeting with you at these events.

Yours faithfully

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