

MANOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options

Your son / daughter has an exciting time coming up where they will get to choose the subjects they will study at GCSE. Whilst the decision is an important one and can affect a young person's future, it is important to keep the process positive and to make sure our young people feel confident about their choices, not overwhelmed. The key members of staff at Manor are Mr Nariani who is our Vice Principal in charge of our curriculum, Mrs Lowman who is in charge of options and Mrs Stephens who is the Year 8 leader. If you have any questions over the next few months which are not answered through our letters or on the website, please contact Mrs Lowman in the first instance on r.lowman@manorceacademy.org with the word 'Options' and your child's name in the subject line.

This is a busy term for options so we would like to keep you informed of what is happening.

Key dates for your diary:

- 1) **Monday 22nd January (Stuart and King's side) and Tuesday 23rd January (Wentworth and Abbey side) initial surveys.**

Year 8 are going to do a short, initial survey about some option choices. This survey is designed to get an approximate idea of whether our current cohort of Year 8 students would prefer to study **History OR Geography** at GCSE. For students who are not necessarily studying a foreign language at GCSE there will also be a question about the sorts of subjects they like to study. This is a low key survey and students must be encouraged not to see this as their final options choices.

- 2) **Monday February 5th Options assembly.**

There will be more consultation on this day with Year 8 in the form of an assembly with Mrs Lowman and Mrs Stephens. Students will be reminded to choose their subjects carefully to match their ability, preference and to pave the way for a variety of future careers.

- 3) **Thursday 22nd February – Year 8 Parent's Evening**

- 4) **Tuesday 6th March – Options Evening event**

This event will look at the provision and content for each subject on offer. An options booklet containing all the courses available to your son/daughter will be coming home this term.

I do hope that this is a positive and smooth process for your son/daughter and I look forward to meeting you on March 6th.

Yours sincerely

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