



2nd February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options

This term year 8 will be making some important decisions. They will need to work closely with you as parents and their teachers in order to make sensible subject choices for their KS4 courses, which start in September 2022 when they begin year 9.

We have planned a thorough options programme that will support students through this important process. This is outlined below:

- **Monday 14th February 2022 – Year 8 Options Assembly** to kickstart and outline the options process with students.
- **Tuesday 1st March 2022 – Year 8 Options Morning** an extended tutor session exploring the options process and career pathways.
- **Thursday 3rd March 2022 – Year 8 Options Evening** following a presentation from Mr Street outlining the options process, students and parents can get further information on the subjects offered directly from curriculum leaders.
- **Monday 7th March 2022 – Options Deadline** for online forms to be completed.

Our online KS4 prospectus outlines the courses that are available at KS4 and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://ks4options.mysackville.co.uk/>

Each entry gives you a brief summary of the course and why students might consider studying it. It also has links to the exam specification if they require further details. Our Curriculum Leaders have helpfully provided a short video which you can view with your child, providing you with further course details.

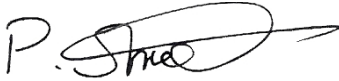
In making option choices, students should consider choosing the subjects that they are expected to have the most success in over the next three years. It is much easier to do well in subjects that they enjoy. It is important that they do not make decisions based on the staff teaching each subject, or what their peers are doing. There is no guarantee that these teachers will be teaching their class next year or that they will be in the same class as their friends.



Decisions may have to be made about whether certain subjects continue to be offered if only a small number of students opt for them. Additionally, each year some students do not get all of their preferred choices; we will speak with students and parents if any of the preferred options are not possible or suitable.

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening on **Thursday 3rd March from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.**

Yours sincerely

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Mr P Street
Deputy Head

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Mr J Pearson
Leader of Year 8