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Dear Parent/Carer

Over the coming weeks Year 8 students will be making their final choices for their Year 9 option courses. I am sure you are aware of how crucial this time is for them in making the correct and informed choice for them. For this reason, it is important for them to be kept informed over the next few weeks so that they make choices that will suit them both in Year 9 and beyond.

In light of this, I am writing to explain the next steps for your child during the preferences' process. As you know we have a 3 year Upper School system with many students completing some GCSE courses by the end of Year 10. This will then allow students to select a further option subject in Year 11.

To assist students and parents/carers, we would like to invite you to our Preferences Evening on Thursday 23 February in the main hall. Jason Edwards, Vice Principal, will be delivering two talks during the Year 8 Preferences Evening to explain the choices available to your child. These will be starting at 5.00pm and 6.00pm and you are welcome to attend either of the talks. All subject teachers will be available to answer any questions you have regarding courses that are on offer as well as how it will work for your child.

During the week beginning 6 February students will be receiving information through an assembly and Individual Advice and Guidance session with their tutors which will mean students, by this point, will have a clearer idea of which subjects they are interested in and what questions they want to ask staff during Preferences Evening.

Please note that the deadline for all completed preferences' forms to be back to tutors is Friday 3 March.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 8



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