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Dear Parent/Carer

We are committed to providing the best learning experience for all our students and review our provision regularly to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of all. As students move through the school, they make some choices about which subjects they specialise in. This is to help them better prepare for further education and eventually for employment. There have been significant changes to how students are examined at the end of Year 11 and Year 13 that have been widely published in the media. Consequently, we have carefully reviewed our provision and are making changes to support confident progression through the school for all students.

At the end of Year 7, all students will be guided through an options process that allows them to choose three foundation subjects (with a backup choice), that they wish to continue to study in Year 8. The foundation subjects are as follows:

- Art
- Dance
- Food Technology
- Music
- Performance
- Product Design
- Textiles
- Information Communication Technology

This selection will allow our students to invest more time in subjects they are interested in, build secure knowledge and understanding whilst maintaining a breadth of experience before making their final choices for BTEC and GCSE.

To support you and your child during this process and to provide you with opportunity to ask any questions that you may have, we have organised an **Options Information Evening which will take place on Monday, 11 March, to be held in the School Hall at 6.00 pm.**

In addition to the Options Information Evening, all students will attend an assembly that explains the option process and how to make informed choices to support their learning. They will also have the opportunity to talk to their classroom teachers, form tutors, and will receive an informative options booklet. Please do support your son/daughter by discussing this at home.



If you or your son/daughter wishes to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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