



19 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The options process was launched before Easter and we are looking forward to students experiencing taster lessons this week in subjects which they have expressed an interest in. Owing to some Year 8 students isolating prior to Easter, and therefore being unable to select taster lessons, we have taken the decision to move the Year 8 taster lessons to Friday, 23 April to allow enough time for tasters to be selected and timetabled for all students. Year 9 tasters will continue on Wednesday, 21 April, as planned.

We hope that these taster sessions, plus the comprehensive material in the options booklets and options videos, will prove useful in supporting students to choose their preferred courses. However, in case you have any remaining questions, we have put in place a parental question and answer evening on Monday, 26 April between 4:15 – 7:00 pm. This evening will be held by video call using the Parents Evening Booking System, with appointment slots bookable from today. This evening is entirely optional and slots should only be booked if you have unanswered questions.

If you have questions, please make a booking with the most relevant person from the list below:

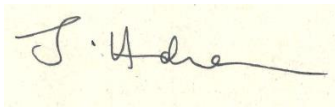
- Mr Hudson – General options questions
- Miss Drew – Questions about pathways and general options questions.
- Miss Leach – Questions about Foundation pathway and ASDAN.
- Mr Dunning/Mr Audsley – Questions about History
- Mrs Byrne – Questions about English Language or Literature.
- Mr Bisson – Questions about Maths
- Mrs Murray – Questions about Combined/Triple science.
- Miss Matthews – Questions about Health and Social Care
- Miss Hudson – Questions about Psychology
- Mr Scott – Questions about RE and Enterprise.
- Mrs Greenfield – Questions about Spanish/French/German.
- Mr Duba – Questions about Geography
- Mr Harmer - Questions about Construction and Product Design
- Miss Cowlard – Questions about Hospitality and Catering
- Miss Carter – Questions about Textiles.
- Mr Kinghorn – Questions about Photography
- Mrs Cooper – Questions about Art
- Mr Cashion – Questions about Graphic Communication
- Mr Bryant – Questions about Computer Science
- Mr Gardner – Questions about Creative Media
- Mrs Johnson – Questions about Music
- Miss Riley – Questions about Performance (Dance).
- Miss Hewson – Questions about Performance (Drama).
- Mr Taberner – Questions about PE/Sports Studies





May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline for options choices to be submitted is Friday, 30 April. After this point, students submitting options late may have to choose from a reduced options selection as places on popular courses will be prioritised for those meeting this deadline. Options should be submitted through the SIMS Options Portal, which students can access using the invitational link which has been e-mailed to their school e-mail address. If you experience any issues with this system, or cannot find this e-mail, please contact Mrs Pickering in advance of 30 April, using the MyEd app.

Yours sincerely



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