

22nd of January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Options Evening and Taster Sessions

We are approaching the time of year where Year 8 students need to start considering their option choices for GCSE. As part of the programme of support that is offered, we hold an evening for parents/carers to present how the process will run and how we can all support students in making the correct decisions for their future.

Parents/carers are invited to attend a Year 8 Options Evening on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 6.30pm. The purpose of the evening is to present the proposed curriculum options for Key Stage 4 in September 2020 and to give some insight into the process and timescale for choosing appropriate courses. A Curriculum Booklet containing course descriptions and qualifications will be issued during the evening and will be available to download from the Parents' Area of the school website following the presentation. The evening will be hosted by members of the Leadership Team and Learning Managers.

Following the evening, we would like you to discuss the courses at home with your child and then return a preference form to school by Monday the 2nd of March 2020. It is important students think carefully about the Options subjects they pick and it is essential they accept responsibility for their decisions.

The school recognises the importance of the transfer between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 for both students and their families and we hope that you will be able to attend the Year 8 Options Evening. If you are unable to attend the evening and wish to discuss the process please do not hesitate to get in touch. Parental input is sought at every stage of the process and each student is dealt with on an individual basis.

In addition to information assemblies, students are invited to attend a series of taster sessions (four subjects, each lasting 25 minutes) on Thursday 13th of February 2020. The sessions will start for students at 3.00pm with an initial briefing and food and drink in the canteen, followed by the commencement of the taster sessions at 3.30pm. Parents/carers will need to make arrangements for transporting their child home after the event at 5.30pm. All sessions are designed to give students a realistic experience of the subject.

Please complete and return the consent slip as soon as possible to confirm your child's attendance at the taster sessions and/or your attendance at the Year 8 Options Evening.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Harris
Deputy Headteacher

Howden School, Derwent Road, Howden, DN14 7AL

Please return to Reception FAO Mr Harris

Student Name

Tutor Group

Year 8 Options Evening:

I/we will be attending the Year 8 Options Evening on Monday 3rd of February 2020 starting at 6.30pm
and we will require seats (including student)

Taster Sessions:

My child will be attending the taster evening, starting at 3pm on Thursday the 13th of February

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I/we will make the necessary arrangements to collect my child at 5.30pm

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I/we give permission for my child to walk home at 5.30pm

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Signed Parent/Carer Date