

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Over the coming weeks, all Year 8 students will be choosing a number of subjects to study in Year 9. As part of the process, students will be asked to select:

- A humanities subject to specialise in (History or Geography)
- 3 additional 'Depth' subjects to be studied as part of the Year 9 Curriculum. This will allow students the opportunity to study these subjects in greater depth, helping inform their final 2 GCSE option choices which they will make at the end of Year 9.

**To support with this process, we would like to invite you to attend our Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm.**

The evening will be split into 2 halves as follows:

- a short presentation to all parent/carers (and Year 8 students) in the main hall (lasting about 20 minutes) where we will be sharing important information about the options process and key dates/deadlines (one talk at 5.30pm, repeated at 6.00pm)
- several subject stalls' (situated in various classrooms) to visit, where you can find out more about each course on offer and ask subject staff any questions you may have, in order to support students making their choices.

Parent/carers and students can do the 2 halves of the evening in either order (talk then stalls or vice versa). We anticipate the evening ending no later than 6.30pm for Year 8 parents/carers. The Year 9 Options evening will follow immediately after the Year 8 evening and will run from 6.45pm to 7.45pm – unless you also have a son/daughter in year 9 you do not need to stay for this second part of the evening.

Students will then be asked to submit their option choices via a web-based options programme allowing students to select their options at home or in school. Students will receive a link to the website and instructions via their school e-mail in the days following the Options' evening.

Below are some of the key dates this term that will be discussed at the evening in more detail:

Date	Event	Key information
<b>Mon 3 – Fri 7 February</b>	<b>Year 8 - 9 options assemblies for students</b>	Students will be briefed about their option choices over 3 days of assemblies. <b>Students will also be given a paper</b>

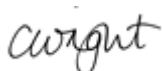
		<b>copy of the Options Support booklet to take home and keep.</b>
<b>Thursday 6 February</b>	<b>Year 8 Parents' evening (on-line)</b>	A chance to discuss current progress and attitude to learning information, as well as course suitability, before making final decisions about option choices.
<b>Thursday 13 February</b> (5.30 – 6.30pm)	<b>Year 8-9 Options' Support evening</b>	A main presentation in the school hall at 5.30pm or 6pm as well as subject stalls for students and parent/carers to ask questions and gather information to support them in the options process.
<b>Friday 7 March</b>	<b>Option choices deadline</b>	The deadline for all option choices to be made via the on-line programme

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend the Options' Evening as further information will be sent to parents/cares (including a copy of the main presentation used on the evening and the options booklet) in the following week.

Due to the fact that we will have parents and carers from 2 year groups needing to access the school site at the same time on this evening and to prevent congestion, can we politely ask that you do not attempt to park on the school site if at all possible. If you do need to park on site, please ensure you adhere to the one-way system in place and do not park in any areas marked with yellow chevrons. Only the front gate (not the back gate) will be open for entry to the event so please come into school via the Lee Lane East entrance only.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help or support to you prior to the Options' evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Wright  
Assistant Headteacher