



16th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options

Our Year 8 students are about to begin their Option choice process over the coming weeks and have already started to consider the subjects that they may wish to study for the next 3 years whilst here at Newark Academy. As you will appreciate, this is a very important process as the choices made now can often influence future career and progression pathways. Whilst we appreciate that many students may not know what they wish to study at this point in their school journey, we are determined to provide your child and you as parents and carers, with as many opportunities as possible to make informed choices that lead to happy and successful experiences. We are holding a number of events to support this process, which are outlined below.

Tailored careers sessions

During the options process Year 8 students will partake in a number of sessions during tutor time that focus on Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance and how different subjects can lead students along specific pathways. These sessions will enable students to develop their understanding of a range of careers as well as the skills that are required to be successful. In addition, students will develop an awareness of the different kinds of qualifications that are needed to secure the opportunities that lead to successful progression.

Year 8 GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 13th February – 6.00pm start

This is a very important event and we would strongly advise all parents and carers that they attend this evening. This informative evening will provide advice and guidance from subject specialists as well as specific details about our options process. Whilst a number of presentations will take place on the evening, families will have opportunity to explore subjects and discuss any questions or concerns with subject specialists. By attending the event, you will receive an advanced copy of our Options brochure and associated application forms, which will be used to apply for specific subjects.

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Year 8 Achievement Evening – Thursday 12th March – 3.30pm onwards

Our annual achievement evening is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your son/daughters progress in the subjects they are currently studying. This is also an opportunity to have discussions with teachers about your son/daughters suitability for some option subjects that will be on offer. Please make sure you book your appointments once bookings are open using Insight to ensure you have the opportunity to meet your son/daughters teachers.

We understand that this is a very important process and we value the support of parents, carers and families as we continue to work in partnership to support our young people. To support the event prior to attending we would ask that parents and families discuss future career aspirations and current performance prior to making option choices. If you would like an informal discussion regarding any aspect of this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy. Alternatively, please contact your child's crew leader.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D Rollin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Mrs. Debra Rollin
Achievement Leader Year 8&9