



11th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Assessment Week and Options Choices

This is an exciting term for Year 8 as they begin their process of making their GCSE choices. To enable your son/daughter (and you) to make as informed a choice as possible, Year 8 will have an assessment week at the end of this half term which will take place in the week of Monday 5th February.

During that week, Year 8 students will sit short assessments in each of their subjects. Next week, all students will be given a grid to fill in which will tell them when their assessments will be, the topic and helpful hints. This will help them to take responsibility for their preparation and planning.

The assessment week has been designed to provide a meaningful reflection point ahead of the Year 8 Options process. The results will form part of the data inputted by class teachers in this term's report and will be one of the significant factors for each student as they choose their GCSEs.

Please do support your child at home by checking that they are completing the planning grid and that they know what they need to do to prepare for each subject. It is also a good opportunity to have conversations about the subjects that they are currently considering for their GCSE Options.

The Year 8 Options Conference and Parents Evening will be taking place after half term, and I will send more information nearer the time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Cahill
Deputy Headteacher