



8th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Y8 Options Evening Wednesday 22nd January 2020

This is an exciting time for Year 8 students at The Bourne Academy as we continue to move forward with our three-year Key Stage 4 curriculum. Instead of the traditional KS4 at Years 10 and 11, our KS4 includes Year 9, giving students 3 years to develop skills, knowledge and build confidence in their chosen subject areas.

It is, therefore, now time for Year 8 students, and their parents/carers, to consider subject choices for the next three years.

So far in your child's schooling; study has largely been determined by the National Curriculum. As we prepare now for Key Stage 4, there are still some aspects of the curriculum, which are pre-determined (Core subjects) plus a Humanities and/or a language subject, but there are opportunities to continue to study familiar courses and courses not encountered before.

Please bear in mind that places are limited on many of the courses. In addition, some courses may not run if there are insufficient numbers.

Key dates

Thursday 9th January 2020

Year 8 students will attend a workshop provided by Southampton University which provides advice and guidance on the different types of qualifications available to them. This is to make students aware of the different qualifications available at key stage 4 and allows students to make informed choices when they select their option subjects.

Wednesday 22 January 2020 (15:00pm to 18:00pm) – Parent teacher consultation & Option Information Evening

This is an important opportunity to come to the Academy and find out more about the Options process and discuss the courses that are available. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers of English, Mathematics and Science. Your child should be making appointments with their teachers in these lessons.

Members of the leadership team will introduce the Key Stage 4 Student Options process with guidance on how to choose. There will be two opportunities to hear this information: one at 16:00 and repeated at 17:15. Both will be delivered in The Hall. Students will have been given a copy of the option booklet at an assembly on the morning of the 22nd January. This will give them and you an opportunity to look at the booklet prior to attending the information evening. On this evening you will receive the option choice form and will be informed the recommended pathway for your child. The pathway recommended to students is based on prior attainment and teacher feedback.

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Friday 7th February 2020 – Final options selection hand in

Students will need to make their final selection by Friday 7th February and hand in the completed Option Form to the exams office.

We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of January.

Yours sincerely,

T Deane

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Assistant Vice Principal



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