



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The process of selecting Key Stage 4 Options for Year 8

Within the next few weeks your son will be asked to indicate the subjects he would like to study at GCSE/BTEC Level 2 during Years 9, 10 and 11. He will receive information from his Director of Learning and subject teachers and should already have a good idea as to which subjects he prefers. Furthermore, the options process will be explained clearly to him in an **assembly on Monday 26th March**.

To further aid the decision making process the school will be running the following events:

Year 8 'Options Fair' – Wednesday, 18th April, from 3.30pm – 5.00pm

The main presentation will take place in the Hall at 3.40pm and then the Options Fair will take place from 4.00pm till 4.45pm in the School Hall, LRC and attached classrooms.

Options taster lessons – Monday 16th April and Monday 23rd April, during period 1 (instead of PSHE)

Taster lessons will be run in GCSE Economics, Business Studies, Sports Studies, Media Studies, and in BTEC Level 2 Business Studies and Sports Studies.

Options Open Morning for Parents/Carers – Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd March, from 8.40am – 10.40am

This will start with a welcome in the LRC at 8.40am followed by a tour of the school dropping in on Year 9 and Year 10 option subjects during periods 1 & 2. Places will be limited to 30, on a first come first served basis. Please email hmaynard4@suttonmail.org or call Mrs Maynard at the school, if you would like to reserve a place at the Options Open Morning.

Year 8 Parent/Carer Teacher Meeting: Thursday, 26th April, from 4.30pm – 7.30pm

This is an opportunity to not only discuss your son's progress but also his aptitude for studying a subject at Key Stage 4 with his subject teacher.

I have produced the 'Options Booklet', which contains information about the content and assessment criteria for each subject. It will be available on the School's website under Curriculum: Options once it has been updated. Please read through this with your son and help him to make informed choices. It includes an explanation of our Key Stage 4 Curriculum and how the options process works along with answers to the most frequently asked questions. Please take a particular note of the option blocks. There are some

restrictions on choices, which are explained in the booklet, and we would expect each student to take at least one subject from History, Geography, French or Spanish.

You are invited to speak to our Subject Leaders about their specific subjects on **Wednesday 18th April at the Options Fair**. This should enable you and your son to make informed and reasoned judgements when completing the 'Options Form', **which is to be returned during the Parent/Carer Teacher Meeting or by Friday 27th April 2018 at the very latest**.

You may also wish to take account of your son's performance in assessments and internal examinations as a guide.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Smith', written in a cursive style.

Simon Smith
Assistant Headteacher