

20 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Y8 options process has begun in school this week. We will help students understand the choices available and support them in making decisions about what courses are right for them over years 9, 10 and 11. In a special Options lesson, students will be issued with the green guidance booklet that you and they will need to refer to throughout the process. This booklet is also available on the school web-site here: [Making Key Stage 4 Choices : Learning : High Storrs School](#)

Students will be issued with 2 paper copies of their individual Options Form. These are just to aid students and parents in thinking through choices. **Final choices must be submitted via an online form** and a link for this will be emailed to you on 6th March 2024 once all the other information that may affect any decisions has been shared.

Information about subjects on offer is shared with students in lesson time during the week beginning 26th February 2024. The video presentations for subjects that students have not studied in KS3 are also available for parents to view on the school website.

You are invited to the Y8 Options Parents Information Evening in the school hall at 6pm on Monday 4th March 2024. At this event, I will share the same information that is included in the guidance booklet mentioned above, but this is an opportunity for parents to hear first-hand about the options process and to ask questions if they have them. I will present the information, and then be available to answer questions. Students do not need to attend since they will have received all the same information in school already.

There is a virtual Y8 Parents' evening on Tuesday 5th March where you will be able to see your child's teachers and hear about their progress in their Y8 subjects. You will receive information about this event separately from Mr Walton-McBain.

Between 6th and 19th March 2024 students and parents have time to consider all the information that has been shared, seek guidance from teachers if needed, and come to a final decision about choices of what to study over years 9, 10 and 11.

Students do get the opportunity to review some of their choices over the course of KS4, but the initial options should be finalised towards the end of the spring term. Parents will need to **submit the online form by Wednesday 20th March 2024.**

It takes some time to process all the student choices. If there are any problems with the choices submitted, I will be in touch with students and parents directly. All students will receive a letter confirming the final choices around May/June this year. Please check this carefully when the time comes as occasionally errors do creep in, but they can be rectified if you let me know.

Regards,



Mrs J Vaughan
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