



24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You are warmly invited to attend the **Year 8 GCSE Options Evening** on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at **5pm**.

The decision that your child is about to make is important, since it will determine their course of study for their GCSE and Vocational courses over the next three years. This will be a valuable opportunity for you and your child to get some advice that will help to guide their choices in order to ensure that they choose the courses that will suit them best.

On this evening, there will be a brief presentation in the main hall at 5pm and again at 6pm (if required), you will also be able to speak with subject leaders about the demands and content of their GCSE and Vocational courses. You will also be given guidance regarding completing the online options process and how to register.

Before Christmas Mr Corbett wrote to you to advise of a couple of changes to the options process from previous years, let me take this opportunity to clarify. The EBacc qualification shows a student's ability to learn a range of subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, History or Geography and a language) and subsequently all students will be required to choose History or Geography. Additionally all higher ability students, those with an average KS2 score of 105+, will be guided to study a language and all other students are recommended to carefully consider the benefit of following a language where suitable.

Finally, the Year 8 Parents Evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January would be an excellent opportunity to speak with teachers about your child's current achievement and may guide decisions when making the options choices. Appointments for this are now live on the parents evening website at <https://ifieldcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

We thank you in advance for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 30<sup>th</sup> January & 6<sup>th</sup> February for these important evenings for year 8's and their futures

Yours sincerely

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