



February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 GCSE Preference Process

We are now making plans for the curriculum your son/daughter will follow when they begin Key Stage 4 in September 2019. Students will continue with 'core' subjects but will be able to make choices about the 'option' subjects they wish to study until the end of Year 11.

To ensure that you and your son/daughter receive all the information required to make informed decisions, we will be inviting you to attend two important events; Year 8 Parents' Evening and Year 8 Preference Evening. Students will also engage in careers activities in school which will give them an opportunity to raise questions, discuss plans and think about their future. We have outlined the Preference Process below:

Date	Activity	Aim
January & February	Careers lessons in PSHCRE	To enable students to explore possible careers options.
w/c 25 February	Year 8 Preferences Assembly for students	To inform students about the Preferences Process.
25 February	Year 8 Preferences Booklets released	To provide students and parents/carers with detailed information about different subject courses.
7 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening	To enable parents/carers to discuss progress with subject teachers.
21 March	Year 8 Preference Evening	To enable students and parents/carers to find out about the Year 9 curriculum and possible option choices from subject teachers.
w/c 25 March	Leadership Team Interviews	To provide an opportunity for students to discuss their possible option choices with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
3 April	Preference Form Deadline	To complete and return final Preference Forms detailing option choices.

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Booking information for the Parents' Evenings will be sent out shortly, however, should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "S Valleley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Mrs S Valleley

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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.