

9th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Year 8 into 9 Options Process

The time has come to consider which Key Stage 4 courses are most appropriate for your child as they move into Year 9. This is an important time, and we wish to ensure that you and your child are as informed and supported as possible.

Please visit our **Year 8 Options webpage** outlining information about the Options process and the qualifications we offer. On the webpage you will find the Options Booklet, a one-page summary of the Options offer, and most importantly, videos about each qualification.

The videos aim to give you a taste of what each course entails, including the way it is assessed, the topics that will be covered, as well as examples of student work and answers to frequently asked questions.

Here is the link to the Year 8 Options webpage:

Moseley Park website – Curriculum – Key stage 3 – Year 8 Options [Year 8 Options – Moseley Park](#)

Year 8 students have had an assembly to begin the Options process. You and your child will have the opportunity to speak to current teachers and also to teachers for subjects they are interested in choosing, in the upcoming **Parents Evening(online) on Thursday 9th March**. More details regarding the Parents Evening and how to make appointments will be sent out shortly after half term.

Overleaf is an outline of the KS4 Options Offer. Please note this is not an options form. An **online options choice form will be emailed to students on Friday 10th March and closes on Thursday 16th March**.

In summary, KS4 subject requirements are:

Core subjects	
All students will study GCSE Maths, GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature along with one weekly lesson of Core PE.	
Science choice and further options	
<p>Combined Science – Two GCSE’s Students will study four lessons of science per week.</p> <p>Students will also have to study an EBacc subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Computer science • GCSE French • GCSE Geography • GCSE History <p>Plus, three further Option subjects</p>	<p>Triple Science – Three GCSE’s. Students will study six lessons of science per week.</p> <p>Plus, three further Option subjects</p>

We will be providing students with lots of support and guidance to help your child choose courses that are appropriate based on their interests and future career plans.

In summary, the Options process and timescales are as below:

- Launch of Options process; assembly and letter to parents/carers - Thursday 9th February.
- Research future career plans in ICT lessons - Week commencing Monday 13th February.
- Parents/Carers and students view subject videos by visiting Moseley Park website – Curriculum – Key stage 3 – Year 8 Options [Year 8 Options – Moseley Park](#)
- Half term - Students are advised to carry out further research on future career plans using websites such as UniFrog, during half term.
- Parents Evening information released with how to make appointments - Tuesday 28th February.
- Taster sessions for subjects students are familiar with – w/c Monday 13th February.
- Taster sessions for subjects that are new to students – Wednesday 1st March.
- Virtual (online) Parents Evening, 4:00 – 7:00 pm - Thursday 9^h March.
- Options form opened and emailed to students - Friday 10th March.
- Options form closed at the end of Thursday 16th March.

Please contact Mrs Shinton (Year 8 Year Lead) via shinton@moseleypark.org or Mr O’Keeffe (KS3 Standards Leader) via okeeffe@moseleypark.org, if you have questions about the Options process.

Yours faithfully,



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