

Headteacher: Mr James McGeachie

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Dear Parents/Carers

During the first half of the Pentecost Term, our Year 8 pupils will be choosing their GCSE options. This is an important time in their school life, as the pupils will be making choices about the subjects they wish to study at KS4. Pupils will attend an assembly on Friday 20th April, during which the whole process will be explained and the Key Stage 4 Options Booklets will be distributed so that you have time to discuss the options available with your son/daughter.

We will be holding a **Year 8 KS4 Information Evening for parents/carers on Wednesday 25th April at 6.15 – 7.00pm in the School Hall.** Mrs Quirk will be leading a presentation which will outline the curriculum provision for KS4 students and how it may lead into various pathways of progression in post-16 education, employment and training.

The annual **Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 2nd May. You are invited to attend between 3.45 and 6.30pm** and students will be asked to make appointments with subject teachers in advance on your behalf. Please bring the Options Information Booklet with you to this event. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and also raise any issues with regard to option choices. There will also be members of staff available to give general guidance on options during the evening. A separate letter regarding this evening will be sent out after the Easter holiday.

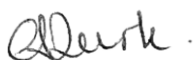
Following this event, the yellow Options Form must be completed, signed and returned to the form tutor. The deadline for this is **Friday 4th May 2018**. Further decisions will then be made concerning subjects to be offered and students may receive additional guidance and support.

Thank you in advance for your support. Together we hope to help your child gain the most from the educational experience we offer and we look forward to seeing you at the Year 8 KS4 Information Evening and the Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening.

Yours faithfully



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Year 8 Progress Leader



Mrs C Quirk
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