

**Headteacher**

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Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE Parents/Pathways Evening for Year 8**

We would like to invite you to the Year 8 Options presentation on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The normal Year 8 parents evening will take place inside the Hall and Sutton corridor beginning at 4pm. For those parents who wish to find out more about the Pathway progress for Year 8, there will be a presentation at 3:30pm in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC - Hogarth Building).

The 30 minute presentation will cover the following:

1. Rational for the Three Year GCSE curriculum beginning in September 2016
2. What are Options
3. The Process and Timeline
4. General Questions and Answer session. (Specific enquiries to your child cannot be dealt with in this forum)

Over the next two weeks students will attend an assembly outlining the options process. The Year Group will have a more detailed morning programme that will focus on how to make their decisions. Students have had the Pathways Booklet emailed to them personally which contains lots of valuable information and advice. Parents can access this on our website [www.hestoncommunityschool.co.uk](http://www.hestoncommunityschool.co.uk) via [Year 8 page](#)

The schedule below summarises the key dates:

Date	Session
25/01/16	Year 8 Assembly
29/01/16	Students to receive confirmation of their bands
29/01/16 Lessons 1- 2	Morning programme to support the Pathways process
11/02/16	Year 8 Parents/Pathways presentation at 3:30pm in the LRC
01/03/16	Meeting with senior members of staff to finalise choices 7 day cool off period (Parent/Carer can write in and request for a subject change)
08/03/16 by 3pm	Option process closed. (Subjects placed into blocks and decisions made if groups are viable. Clashes will be resolved)
04/07/16	Final distribution of letters confirming choices

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Yours faithfully

Ms Ryan  
Learning Co-ordinator for Year 8

Mr O'Hagan  
Deputy Headteacher