

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Year 8 into 9 Options Process

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

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.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> March and closes on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**.

In summary, KS4 subject requirements are:

<b>Core subjects</b>	
All students will study GCSE Maths, GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature along with one weekly lesson of Core PE.	
<b>Science choice and further options</b>	
<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"> <li>• GCSE Computer science</li> <li>• GCSE French</li> <li>• GCSE Geography</li> <li>• GCSE History</li> </ul> <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 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- Research future career plans in ICT lessons - Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February.
- Taster sessions for subjects students are familiar with – w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- Taster sessions for subjects that are new to students – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Virtual (online) Parents Evening, 4:00 – 7:00 pm - Thursday 9<sup>h</sup> March.
- Options form opened and emailed to students - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- Options form closed at the end of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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

Yours faithfully,



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