

7th February 2024

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.

Please visit our **Year 8 Options webpage** to find 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 course.

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 (in school – Face to Face) on Thursday 7th 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 form will be emailed to students on Friday 8th March and closes on Thursday 14th March**.

In summary, students will study 9 subject courses in KS4:

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	
Combined Science – Two GCSE's Students will study four lessons of science per week. Students will also have to study an EBacc subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Computer science • GCSE French • GCSE Geography • GCSE History Plus, three further Option subjects (See overleaf)	Triple Science – Three GCSE's. Students will study six lessons of science per week. Plus, three further Option subjects (See overleaf)

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:

- **Research future career** plans in ICT lessons - Week commencing Monday 5th February.
- **Launch of Options process**; assembly and letter to parents/carers – Wednesday 7th 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 27th February.
- **Taster sessions** for subjects students are familiar with – w/c Monday 19th February.
- **Taster sessions** for subjects that are new to students – Tuesday 27th February.
- In school – Face to Face **Parents Evening**, 4:00 – 7:00 pm - Thursday 7th March.
- **Options form opens and emailed to students - Friday 8th March.**
- **Options form closed at the end of Thursday 14th March.**

Please contact Mr Mincher (Year 8 Progress Lead) via smincher@moseleypark.org or Mr O'Keeffe (KS3 Standards Leader) via jokeeffe@moseleypark.org, if you have questions about the Options process.

Yours faithfully,



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