

## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear parents of Year 8 pupils.

I am writing to invite you to attend our 'Looking Forward Evening' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 5pm in the main school hall. We believe that starting the options process in Year 8 means that students gain the most from GCSE preparations, and are able to find more engagement and enjoyment in their subjects as they are starting the pathway that they want to follow.

This evening follows on from a series of assemblies where students have been presented with information about each subject by the heads of department or subject teachers. Options booklets will be issued to the students prior to the evening and they should bring those with them.

Prior to confirming the blocks I need all students to make a choice where they rank the options 1-5. Before the 'Looking Forward Evening' students will be issued with a sheet to show their top 5 preferences, and planning sheet to help you organise your time during the LF Evening. These will be issued in registration, plus copies sent electronically and placed on the website.

After an initial introduction to the options process in the main hall at 5pm we then invite you to attend a number of 'mini' subject briefings. This is your opportunity to ask staff all about their subjects and find out first-hand what each option entails. It will be at this stage that the students need to make their final choice. Students will still be allowed to change subjects in the future, although consideration must be given that some courses may, by then be full, so it is vital that students give careful consideration and make the correct choices now.

Light refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me or Mrs Roberts, Progress Leader Year 8 and Assistant Headteacher at <u>robertst@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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