

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 8 students

I am writing to inform you about the forthcoming Year 8 GCSE Options Evening. Given that we run a three-year Key Stage 4 programme, all students will choose their GCSE options in Year 8 and begin learning the skills and content for them from September 2019 as they enter Year 9. The *three*-year GCSE programme reflects the more challenging and rigorous GCSE 9-1 qualifications that are now in place.

In order to facilitate the choosing of options, the school will be hosting a Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 14th February 2019 from 6 to 8pm. During this evening, students and parents will have the chance to discuss with their subject teachers their suitability for particular options subjects. The Options Evening follows the Monitoring 2 reports issued at the beginning of February and precedes the Year 8 Parents' Evening on 7th March. This sequence is designed to ensure that your son makes the right choices as he approaches Key Stage 4.

We continue to offer a wide range of subjects at GCSE level. All students will continue to study the English Baccalaureate suite of qualifications, which consist of the following: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science (which incorporates Biology, Chemistry and Physics), a Humanities subject (either History or Geography), a Modern Foreign Language (either Spanish, French or German) and then three option subjects of their own choosing. These *options* subjects include the opportunity for a second Humanities subject, a second language and the full Triple Science course. All students will take ten GCSE examinations in Year 11 and there may also be the opportunity to undertake additional courses in Mathematics and as part of our enrichment opportunities.

We believe that this curriculum programme will enable your son to pursue his interests and strengths at an appropriate stage, and to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve excellent results at GCSE level. We will be in contact with more details about the Options Evening closer to the date.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact Mr R Scarr, Assistant Head Teacher, by emailing rscarr@nks.kent.sch.uk or telephoning the school on 01233 620045 to make an appointment to speak to him. Enquiries can also be directed to Mrs E Dance, the Student Support Manager for Year 8: edance@nks.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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