



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Options Preparation - Helping to support your child through the process.

This academic year, Year 8 students will make their option choices and then study their GCSEs over a three year period in Years 9, 10 and 11. Consequently this is a very important time in your child's education when preparations are being made regarding the subjects and qualifications that they will study over the next three years.

Traditionally at this time of year we would invite all parents/carers to attend an Options Preparation Evening as this options process will begin after the Christmas break. We would normally introduce you to this process; instead this year we have recorded a presentation covering the same facts that we would explain to you.

The presentation will provide you with information about the timescale and process of making option choices so that we can all begin offering advice and guidance to students in preparation for this. This presentation can be found on the school website by following this link: <https://vimeo.com/488501282>

You will also find an Options Booklet which outlines key dates for the coming months and gives details about option subjects. The booklet can be found <https://st-peters.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Options-Booklet-2021.pdf?t=1607330126>

We are also attaching a leaflet with a brief overview of the guidance which you may find useful.

As outlined in the presentation we are asking that students complete a pre-options survey which is to be submitted by no later than Monday 14th December. This is definitely not a commitment to final options choices, it just gives the school an early indication of which options students are considering. Final choices do not have to be made until the beginning of February; more details will follow. The link to the google form to complete the pre-option survey is as follows: <https://forms.gle/39ttwGpSutJjGCFx7>

Although this school year has been slightly different, we will ensure that all students are guided through the process and given all relevant information so that they chose the options that are right for them.

Please be assured that we will keep in regular contact with you regarding the process and any relevant dates and deadlines.

Yours sincerely

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