

5 December 2019

Dear Families,

Year 8 Guided Choices

We are launching the Guided Choices programme to support your child in preparation for the start of their Key Stage 4 courses in September 2020. We are delighted that we are able to offer a wide range of subjects to suit all students. To support both students and families in making this very important decision, we aim to ensure that our advice, information and guidance is of the highest quality.

Whilst we are particularly keen for students to pursue the academic core subjects through Key Stage 4, we want students to consider the breadth of curriculum offer. This letter provides you with further details about the Guided Choices process.

In January, all students in Year 8 will participate in taster lessons in all subjects that we will be offering at Key Stage 4. These lessons will also allow teachers to explain what each course involves and help students begin to consider their choices. Students will also have many opportunities to discuss these choices with subject teachers and form tutors. All students will have a one to one conversation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and their Head of Year. This support is to allow them to understand more about the content of the courses we offer and provide further and more specific guidance.

Our Guided Choices evening will be on **Wednesday 25 March 2020**. This important evening will give you and your child the opportunity to meet with Curriculum Leaders and other key staff, to discuss details of particular courses and ask any questions you may have to ensure your child makes suitable choices. Further details about our Guided Choices evening will be sent out nearer the time.

The Guided Choices brochure, containing all course details, will be made available to download from our website from Monday 9 March 2020 along with our Guided Choices blocks. This brochure will support your child in making their decisions. It contains information on all subjects as well as links to exam board websites. You will be able to download the brochure to a phone, tablet, or computer in order to print your own copy. We ask that you bring a copy (either printed or electronic) of the brochure with you to the evening. If you experience any problems downloading the brochure, please let Miss Rowe know in advance.

If you have any subject specific queries following the Guided Choices evening, please contact the relevant Curriculum Leader. If you have any general queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year by phone, or by email at lrowe@themisbourne.co.uk.

Whilst Guided Choices allocations are not made on a first come, first served basis, students will need to submit their Guided Choices application forms by **Wednesday 1 April 2020**. Students will receive a letter confirming their choices, week commencing Monday 15 June 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Barrett
Deputy Headteacher

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