



25 January 2019

GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

Dear Parents / Carers,

You and your son are cordially invited to attend the GCSE Options Evening on Thursday, 31 January 2019. The evening will begin promptly in the Great Hall at 7.00 pm with an introduction to KS4 and information on how your son should make his choices. Please be in situ by 6.55 pm otherwise you may miss important information. Please note that your son is expected to wear full school uniform to the event.

Following this there will be individual presentations by each Option subject. There will also be an opportunity during the evening for informal discussions with senior staff. Each form group has a **unique timetable** for these presentations (see: **8B P2, 8C P3, 8H P4 & 8L P5**). Please use it to plan the order of your sessions.

The **GCSE Options Evening**, alongside the **School Report** (1 March) and **Year 8 Parents' Evening** (14 March), is designed to provide you with all the information your son needs need to make an informed choice by the deadline of **Friday, 15 March**. To further help him in his deliberations, each student will be offered independent careers advice before the deadline. Further details of this will be supplied via Form Tutors.

At the Options Evening you will be provided with hard-copies of the **GCSE Options Booklet** and the **Options Form** on which your son will ultimately indicate his subject preferences. If you wish to view the Options Guide beforehand, a copy has been placed on the school website under [Current Olavians > Curriculum > GCSE Options](#). Students must make their selection from the courses listed within this document and subject to the criteria also explained in the booklet.

It is important that you fill out the online reply slip (or inform the School Office) if you cannot make this evening as alternative arrangements will be required for sending out the Options Booklet and Options Form to those unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

James Davis
Assistant Head Teacher
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Web Link to Online Reply slip:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdm0LOIYT5yIbDicw7xBPciYKn62oov4h0eVFE_OnlW1Fk_pg/viewform

Y8 GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

8B – TIMETABLE

Introductory talk: 7.00 pm to 7.10 pm, Great Hall.

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Our approach is to ask the students first and then try to build the options blocks around their needs. Some compromise is inevitable however and so we ask students to select three reserves (R1 to R3, with R1 being preferred to R2 and so on). We do our best to meet their first preference but as you will appreciate this is a complicated process and some combinations will not be possible.

Planning your talks:

1. Please use the timetable below to plan the order of your sessions.
2. The start and finishing times of all sessions will be strictly adhered to. As you will have noted, five minutes of 'travelling time' has been allowed between presentations.
3. In all sessions, there is likely to be a certain amount of time available for questions. It would be appreciated, however, if on this occasion a focus could be maintained upon *general* subject issues, rather than the specific circumstances of individuals.
4. Members of the SLT will be available for consultation in the Foyer throughout the evening.
5. Please note that each form group has been allocated a specific session for the History and Geography talks.

7.15 – 7.25 pm	7.30 -7.40 pm	7.45 –7.55 pm	8.00 –8.10 pm	8.15 – 8.25 pm
MFL (Great Hall)	Art (D4)	Art (D4)	Art (D4)	Art (D4)
	DT (D1)	DT (D1)	DT (D1)	DT (D1)
	Latin (Rm 23)	Latin (Rm 23)	Latin (Rm 23)	Latin (Rm 23)
	Music (Rm 6)	Music (Rm 6)	Music (Rm 6)	Music (Rm 6)
	Computing (Rm 1)	Computing (Rm 1)	Computing (Rm 1)	Computing (Rm 1)
	Geography (Rm 34)			
		History (Rm 21)		

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