



# THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Year 8 KS4 options evening**

You may be aware that to offer students the best opportunities with their GCSE qualifications we run a three year Key Stage 4. Students in Year 08 are currently thinking about their future pathways to 6<sup>th</sup> Form and beyond. To support them in this process students have been involved in range of opportunities including tutor mentoring, UNIFROG research, careers fair and time during their PSHE lessons. There are also a range of resources student have been using to help them, which can be found on our Firefly website under “Year 08 – GCSE options”.

As part of this process, we would like to ensure you are fully aware of the options process your child will be going through, as well as the changes that have occurred to qualifications over the last few years. I would therefore like to invite you to our Pathways evening on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**.

KS4 options evening will take place at 6.30pm in the main hall at Arnewood School and will involve a short presentation regarding the pathways we offer, qualifications available, how students will choose and inform us of the subjects they wish to study at GCSE and what can be done to support them with these choices.

Parents and students will then be given the opportunity to speak with subject specialists about the different qualifications offered and how they are examined, as well as speaking to the Careers Advisor, Mrs Bennett. Students will have had the options process explained to them earlier that week, as well as a booklet detailing the different courses offered. I would recommend bringing this booklet to the evening as it will help direct you to the members of staff you may like to speak to.

Should you wish to ask any questions before the evening, please do not hesitate to contact me at [t.merrick@arnewood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.merrick@arnewood.hants.sch.uk).

I look forward to meeting you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

Yours faithfully

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