



Huxlow Science College

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Our Ref: LG/STL/YR8OPTS

Dear

Re: Year 8 Options Process

Please find the Year 8 Options information at the link below:

[Year 8 Options 2021](#)

If you have older children who have or are attending Huxlow Science College, then you will notice that we have updated our options offer to include some new subjects such as Sociology, Art Graphics and i-media.

Students who embark upon their GCSE courses at the beginning of Year 9 often do so with a mixture of exhilaration and fear. After all, they cannot really guess what lies ahead of them in terms of their studies. Furthermore, they cannot be certain that they are going to be able to cope with the demands that will be made on them.

The information for your child to make their options decisions can all be located on the website. The information shared includes:

- an electronic options booklet,
- a year 8 assembly,
- an options presentation for parents
- specific subject presentations

We will be delivering LORIC sessions that include a careers week that will support students as they make these important decisions about their options. We feel that it is vital that students and parents should be acquainted with the courses that are to be studied. We are unable to follow our usual options process at this time, so are presenting everything electronically. You should shortly receive Year 8 reports. There are also links to access general guidance and subject specific information below; we hope that you will be able to use these to make an informed decision about options.

Further to this we have uploaded an options support task to your son/daughter's Unifrog locker, this is designed to guide them through the process, looking at various interactive options and subject support.

We strongly advise that contact is also made with class teachers and Learning Leaders via email to further discuss any points you need to raise and ask any subject specific questions. Mrs Holmes, Director of Learning for Key Stage 5 and Mr O'Callaghan, our Careers Advisor, will also be available to support you in this process.

Options can then be chosen through the preferred online process at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dJqzrDW3kr>

or by returning the last sheet of the booklet to the school by post or email for the attention of Mrs A. Ward

a.ward@huxlow.northants.sch.uk by **29th May**.

It is important that you are aware of the Government's introduction of the English Baccalaureate. This is an additional qualification awarded to those students achieving 9-5 in Maths, English, a Humanities subject, a Science subject and a Language. We have organised our option blocks in order to give students every opportunity to achieve this qualification.

We certainly hope that by familiarising parents with these courses you will be able to help maximise your child's potential.

Yours sincerely

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