25th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 GCSE Options Online Event

Year 8 students will shortly begin the process of choosing the subjects they wish to study for their GCSEs which will start in Year 9. This process would usually begin with an evening event for students and families, however, this year, our launch event will be a virtual one, that will go "live" on our school website from 4pm on Thursday 28th January 2021. This will include presentations that outline how students should make their choices and what subjects there are on offer. It will also cover the options process itself, as well as key dates and other important information such as an electronic copy of the Options booklet which outlines further information about the subjects we have on offer. Please note, in order to support this process further, we will be posting out a hard copy of the Options booklet to you early next week.

All this information will help enable you and your child to make a balanced decision about the GCSE courses that are best suited for them. Please ensure you read through the information carefully so that your child is well-prepared to make their option choices in March.

For those who would like to learn more about what is taught in each subject, remember that you can access all of our current Schemes of Learning for both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 on the school website. Please note, however, that as Film Studies will be a new subject it currently has no scheme of learning overviews on the website.

If you have any further questions about the options process, do please email either Ms Bowler (nbowler@northolthigh.org.uk) or Mr Haresnape (mharesnape@northolthigh.org.uk) or otherwise contact us through the school's main reception on 020 8864 8544.

Yours sincerely

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