



# THE APPLETON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

## Stage 4 Options Process 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the timeline for the Year 8 Options process. This process results in Year 8 students selecting subjects that they would like to study at Key Stage 4 and will form the first steps in guiding students towards their future plans. Below I have outlined all the provisions available to your child, which will ensure they are able to make informed option choices and are supported throughout this process.

- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Your child's option booklet will be emailed to you, alongside a link to the online form where option choices need to be submitted.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Review Period** – Students will attend a virtual assembly, where the options process will be explained in full.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**- Our Virtual Options Evening will take place on Team's. This will run from 3.50 – 6.20pm
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April Review Period**- Students will attend a further virtual assembly focussing on careers advice.
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April**– Year 8 Virtual Consultative is scheduled
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**- Deadline for all option choices to be submitted online.

## Year 8 Virtual Options Evening:

As mentioned above, our Year 8 Virtual Options Evening will be running on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3.50-6.20pm, via Team's. Each option subject will be delivering a 10 minute session at different times throughout the evening and all Year 8 students will be able to join these meetings remotely. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to find out further information about each of these courses and ask any questions they might have. Your child will be sent early next week an email with the Team's links to all the sessions below and they can then decide which ones they would like to attend.



GCSE Course	Time
Careers Information	3:50pm
GCSE Business Studies	4:00pm
GCSE Computer Science	4:10pm
OCR Enterprise and Marketing	4:20pm
GCSE Music	4:30pm
GCSE Physical Education	4:40pm
ICT: OCR Cambridge Nationals in I-Media.	4:50pm
BTEC Performing Arts	5:00pm
OCR Sports Science	5:10pm
GCSE Statistics	5:20pm
GCSE Food and Preparation	5:30pm
GCSE Art	5:40pm
GCSE Religious Studies	5:50pm
GCSE 3-Dimensional Design	6:00pm
GCSE French/ German	6:10pm

During the options process there are a number of resources students and families can access to fully understand the courses and qualifications on offer:

- The Appleton School Website – The Year 8 Options section of our website includes audio PowerPoints for each course and careers resources.
- Unifrog – This is a careers website that The Appleton School subscribe to which provides a wealth of information and support. All students have been issued with log in details via email for this.
- The National Careers Website- This provides information for both students and parents [www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk) and there is a helpline where you can speak to a qualified careers advisor 0800 100 900.
- Careers advisor- Students can email Mrs Hilliker, our careers advisor, for further support and guidance [careers@theappletonschool.org](mailto:careers@theappletonschool.org).
- Family and Friends Network – Please encourage your child to speak to their friends and family about their chosen subjects and to find out their personal experiences of courses they are or have studied.
- Higher Educational Institutions – Access local College or University websites if you have a career path in mind, what expectations do these providers require from GCSEs? Are there any subjects that are compulsory or desired for specific courses?
- Teachers – Students can speak directly with their subject teachers, form tutors and area advisors who will all be more than happy to answer any questions they might have.

If you have any further questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me [bcooper@theappletonschool.org](mailto:bcooper@theappletonschool.org)

Yours sincerely,



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