

February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 8 Options**

In view of the current circumstances, our Year 8 Options process will be a little bit different this year.

In place of the Options Evening we will be placing the Options booklet, a series of short information and guidance videos as well as a series of course overview videos from each of the curriculum areas onto our website for you to watch with your child, which will help you to make the option choices that are being offered at Vale of York Academy. This information will go live on our website on Monday 22 February.

In that same week, you will receive a personalised letter that will inform you of the pathway which we recommend your child will be taking. This letter will also include a link to a Google form which will allow you to specify which choices your son/daughter has made. You will only be able to submit your Google form once so please take the necessary time to consider before returning.

We look forward to seeing you at our virtual parents Evening on Wednesday 24 February but if you have any questions prior to this then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully



**Mr. M Halifax**  
**Vice Principal**

### **KEY DATES TO THE OPTIONS PROCESS 2021**

	<b>OPTIONS PROCESS TIMELINE</b>
Before February Half Term	Year 8 full report sent home. Invitation to Virtual Parents Evening.
Wednesday 24 February	Virtual Parents Evening.
Thursday 25 February	New subject information Q&A sessions begin for Business Studies, Creative Media, Design Engineering, Health and Social Care, Photography, Psychology, and Textiles Design.
Up to Monday 15 March	Consultation, research, and decision making time. Once finalised then submit your Google form.
Monday 15 March 3 pm	The final deadline for Google forms to be returned.
Easter to June	Processing and resolving of matters arising from pupil choices.
Late June 2021	Pupils informed of final option choices by letter.