

NMB/P:Options/Options 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Year 8 Parents'/Carers' and Options Evening – Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 4.00 pm**

The Year 8 Parents' / Carers' and Options Evening is an important event for all Year 8 students and their parents / carers. As well as a standard parents/carers evening, information will also be given regarding Key Stage 4 and the subjects that are either compulsory or optional for students to study over their next three years at Shirley High School. It will be helpful if you have accessed your child's Spring term report through the SIMs Parent App prior to this evening as this will help you and your child to make informed choices. If you have not yet been able to download the App, please contact the school office on [office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk) and they will be able to assist you.

An appointment system will operate for the core subjects and your child should make an appointment for you to see their English, Maths, Science and Religious Studies teachers. There should be a full list of the names of your child's teachers in the front of his / her Student Planner. Your son / daughter should bring his / her planner to school to begin making appointments with the core subject teachers. If you wish to speak to other subject staff at the evening regarding your child's progress then there will be opportunity to do this on a drop in basis at the subject stand. If you can indicate which presentation you would like to attend by blanking out a half hour segment when appointments should not be made at either 4.30 pm or 6.00 pm that would be appreciated.

All Year 8 parents / carers and students are expected to attend so that they have the information necessary to make suitable option choices. **Year 8 students should be dressed in full school uniform.**

Please note that the school closes to students at 2.30 pm on this day but Year 8 students may stay on site until the evening starts at 4.00 pm if they wish.

**The Year 8 Options Booklet is now on the website under Parent / Carer Information > Year 8 Options. The direct link is <https://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+8+Options&pid=33>**

I do hope you have had an opportunity to view the options booklet that complements the evening which is available via the school website. If not please access it via the Parents' Information page at [www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk). Students were shown the booklet in February, when it went on-line and since then heads of departments have been providing subject specific information via assemblies and lessons.

The programme for the evening is as follows:-

\*Please see guide sheet provided on the evening for locations of subject areas.

4.30 pm	Presentation on the Option process by Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School), Ms Doherty (Vice Principal – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form) and Mrs Loughnane (Head of Year 8) in the Hall.	Parents' / carers' to visit the Performing Arts Block and C Block to view subject materials and displays and to discuss Option subjects with the specialist teachers present.*	Parents' / Carers' Evening in C Block.*
6.00 pm	Repeat Presentation on the Option process by Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School), (Vice Principal – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form) and Mrs Loughnane (Head of Year 8) in the Hall.		
7.00 pm	Evening ends.		

An information desk for Student Support will be available in C13 and information desks for the new SIMs App will be available in the Hall, C12 and C13. Careers advice available between 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

Please contact Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School) or Mrs Loughnane (Head of Year 8) if you have any queries about the evening. **If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs Loughnane on [loughnane@shirley.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:loughnane@shirley.croydon.sch.uk)**

Yours sincerely

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