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Dear Parents,

### Year 8 Options Process

The Options process for Year 8 is now underway! On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, students had their first introduction to Options in an assembly with Mrs Briggs and Mr Naisbitt. This was followed by their completion of Straw Poll 1, where they gave an early indication of subjects they might be interested in studying in the future.

We are now approaching Straw Poll 2 after Christmas on 11<sup>th</sup> January, which will be another opportunity for students to make some initial selections about subjects they may wish to study from Year 9 onwards. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, students will have the opportunity to opt-in to 4 different taster sessions, so that they can experience what some of their new courses might be like to study, for example GCSE Engineering and GCSE Statistics. We really want students to have the broadest possible experience of taster sessions on this day and we really welcome their feedback.

You can find a copy of the Straw Poll 2 Options form in the 'Curriculum' area of our website, and also our 'subjects at a glance' document detailing aspects of all of our courses. For students, an A3 copy of Straw Poll 2 form is displayed in Winchester block next to the library for them to look at over the next 6 weeks.

Up to the release of the final Options form, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, the option form is subject to change, in order to maximise student's first choices.

Many thanks for your support with this process.

Yours sincerely,

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