

Year 8 Bulletin 1

Wb 7th January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. This is the first of a series of fortnightly bulletins you will receive this term as we guide our Year 8 students through the options process.

As I am sure you are aware, this term is a very important time for Year 8 as they will be selecting their GCSE options. We have lots of events going on in school to support the students to make the right choices for them.

Mrs Anderson, our Careers Advisor, is available most days in school for students to pop and see her during break or lunchtime. She is able to advise students who already have a career in mind of the subjects they should look to study and also provide guidance to those students who really aren't sure what they want to do in the future.

Key Dates:

Monday 11th February – Southampton Solent University 'Making the Right Choice' assembly and workshops.

Fortnight beginning 25th February – students will attend an assembly each morning and this will be an opportunity for Subject Leads to introduce their GCSE courses to the students and answer any questions they may have.

Thursday 7th March – Options Evening – I would like to encourage all parents/guardians to attend if they are able to, as this evening will provide you with all the information you will need about the options process.

W/b 11th March – Mrs Anderson will be visiting each tutor group.

Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening – this is a perfect opportunity for you to see how your child is doing in their foundation subjects and discuss with their teachers which subjects may be best for them.

Monday 18th March – INSET Day

Friday 29th March – Final deadline for options forms.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you how importance a good attendance record is. Any unavoidable absence must be reported in a timely fashion to our Attendance Officer, Alison Small (Direct Dial 023 80522721 Ext 223).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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