

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: Changes to format and preparation for options evening on Tuesday 23rd February 2021**

Earlier this week we held our first virtual parents' evening. It was very successful and the technology worked very well. We have reviewed how it worked and feel that we need to make changes to the Year 8 and 9 parents' evening timings and format in order to get the most out of the evening. Please note the following information:

- Appointments with teachers will now run from 4:00pm till 7:30pm. Please see the attached how to guide for the video parents' evening.
- There will be no introductory meeting to the options process. Instead, the booklets and information that you need about the courses and your child's pathway can be found [here](#) on the school website for you to read over.
- If you would like to know about the options process generally a separate zoom meeting link will be provided so that you can drop in to it and ask questions. A senior member of staff will be present to answer any questions you may have.
- It is not necessary to meet with all of your child's teachers and given time constraints it may not be possible. We suggest that you meet with core teachers and teachers of subjects your child is interested in pursuing at GCSE.

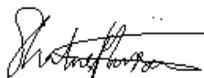
Please note the next actions:

1. Please lookout for a separate letter which will be emailed to you telling you what options route your child has been assigned.
2. Please look at your options booklet on our website with your child and discuss what courses they would like to take at GCSE.
3. Please log on to the DPR using your child's login and find out which areas they are making the most progress in. This will help inform your decision.
4. Please lookout for the link to book your appointments online. This will arrive by text message and email. Please book at your earliest convenience to ensure you can secure your priority appointments.
5. If your chosen teacher is booked up- please email the school and they will contact you at another time.
6. Your child will be sent a Google Form to their HNS school email address, for you to fill in for your child's options. Please return by 1st March 2021 at the latest.

7. Please let us know if you do not have a mic or camera for your appointment. These help with communication.
8. If you would like to know more about the options process please click on the google meet which will be emailed out on the day.

If you have any questions please contact your child's Head of Learning, Ms Barnes by emailing her at [bettybarnes@hackneynewschoolcst.org](mailto:bettybarnes@hackneynewschoolcst.org).

Yours sincerely



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