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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, students at the Academy start studying for their GCSEs and other qualifications in year 9. Students choose which subjects they wish to study in Key stage 4 during year 8.

The actual options selection will take place at the end of this term and we will be starting to prepare the students for making these decisions from this point onwards. This is obviously a very important time for students and provides them with the exciting opportunity of personalising their own programme of study to their own interests and future career aspirations.

There will be a series of events and opportunities for discussions with Academy staff prior to students choosing their options subjects.

For your information here are the key items in this programme:

- Student surveys of interest in subjects
- Tutor consultation evening on 10th October to start discussions with tutors about progress across the subject areas and start thinking of potential subjects to continue with at KS4.
- Options talks during assemblies after half term from all option subjects to provide students with details of the KS4 courses on offer.
- An Options evening on 5th December giving the opportunity for yourselves and students to gain information about the subjects and specifications from Curriculum and subject leaders.
- Options selection will open on 6th December and close on 11th January 2019.

The first phase is a student survey which is available now on the Academy website. This will provide us with valuable information to guide us in the creation of the options blocks and subject offering for the next academic year. Students should complete this at home. To access it, simply go to the Academy website and follow the link visible on the main page. Alternatively type in the address:

<https://tudorgrangeacademiestrust.sharepoint.com/sites/kingshurst/students/year-8>

Please note: you will need your academy email and password to sign in.

This survey will close at the end of Wednesday 10th October. Please note that expressions of interest given are purely that – students will not be selecting a choice until the options selection window opens. Alternatively, we may not be able to offer all subjects listed in the survey or a given combination of subjects – it will be only used to guide us on what to offer.

Thank you in anticipation for your support this year in guiding our students to make these important decisions relating to their future.

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