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Dear Parent/Guardian

This year is a crucial time for each Year 8 student as they need to make important choices about the subjects they will study in the future. In years 9, 10 and 11 all pupils will take English, Maths, Science and RE in addition to compulsory PE lessons. Their timetable is then completed with a number of additional courses.

To assist with these decisions we have arranged a number of events this school term. On **Wednesday, 21**st **February**, all year 8 students will be involved in a super-learning day in school providing an overview of the choices process for KS4 and future possible careers. Students will be given their subject choices booklet too.

Thursday 8th February – 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Yr 8 Progress Evening

Prior to the super-learning day we will be holding the annual progress evening for the year 8 students, (date above). This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers and discuss the progress they have been making so far this year. It may also be an opportunity to discuss whether it is appropriate for your child to continue to study that subject through to GCSE. You can book appointments prior to the evening by visiting https://springwood.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ Please register at the main reception on the evening. Senior staff will also be available should you wish to meet with them.

Thursday 22nd February – Guided Choices Subject Evening

This evening will be a chance for you and your child to discuss the subjects they wish to follow with some of the teachers of those subjects. The evening will begin with a short presentation in the Music Sound Foundation Concert Hall, followed by the opportunity to discuss the subject choices with the Head of Department or subject teachers. There are three identical presentations, although, where possible, please attend the one relevant to your child.

- If your child is in tutor group 8B1, 8B2, 8F1 or 8F2 please attend the presentation at 6:00pm
- If your child is in tutor group 8H1, 8H2 or 8O1 please attend the presentation at 6:40pm
- If your child is in tutor group 8O2, 8S1 or 8S2 please attend the presentation at 7:20pm

The evening will close at 9:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you on the evenings of 8th and 22nd February.

Yours sincerely,

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