



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Subject choices for GCSE courses – Year 8

Your child is reaching a milestone in their educational journey this term. By **Monday 14 February** you and your child will need to have made decisions concerning their choice of GCSE courses for Years 9, 10 and 11. The options booklet your child will receive next week describes the courses which are offered and will help you to make an informed decision. Further copies of the booklet can be downloaded from the school website link www.heckgrammar.co.uk/school/curriculum/gcse-options/.

Instructions and guidance informing students how to access the online system and choose their subjects will be sent via email on the 13 January. Students will then be able to make their choices and amend them if necessary up to the deadline stated above.

There is a clear framework for the options within which a limited amount of choice is available. The framework ensures that certain government requirements are met and ensures all pupils embark on a broad and balanced range of subjects at key stage four. We would not want anyone to make decisions now that may close down opportunities later and give cause for regret. Please see the options booklet, website and online form for a fuller explanation of the choices.

The option choice information will be used to plan next year's timetable and we will do our best to accommodate as many pupils' first choice subjects as we can. Please note that the reserve subject choice as indicated on the form would only be used after consultation with pupils and parents and would only come into effect if a subject was significantly oversubscribed.

Please ensure the online form is completed by Monday 14 February.

Yours sincerely

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