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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 GCSE options information

In such uncertain times, we need to continue to look to the future in all areas of life, including school. Year 8 is an important year as students need to think about and choose the subjects they would like study for their GCSEs.

Choosing their GCSE options is an extremely important decision for your child and is something that needs support from teachers and parents. With your child having a significant amount of time learning remotely since they started Aston Manor Academy, we want to allow as much time as possible for their subjects to be chosen and are adjusting the process from previous years.

In the next few weeks, before the half term break, we will do a number of activities and events to help promote the options process. After half term, we will evaluate the national picture in schools and make further decisions about options and the Year 8 curriculum including Year 8 exams and Year 8 parents' evening.

In the fortnight beginning the 1st February, the following will happen:

- Students will receive an options assembly delivered by myself, Mr Turner outlining the process on **Wednesday 3rd February at 9am**
- In some subjects, teachers will discuss the GCSE option subjects they deliver with students.
- Online RSHE lessons will focus on careers.
- Parents will receive an electronic options booklet containing a variety of information about the different subjects we offer.
- A new page on the school website with further options information will be online and updated.
- A virtual parents' Information session will be delivered by myself on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 3rd February at 5pm**. This will cover the key parts of the options process and hopefully answer some frequently asked questions. **Information about how to access this information session will be shared next week**

More than ever, we hope that you can engage in the options process as much as possible. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact myself nturner@astonmanoracademy.com or Mr Lawlor, Head of Year 8 tlawlor@astonmanoracademy.com .

Yours sincerely,

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