



Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options Process

Your daughter has now reached an important stage of her education, and from September 2023, she will be embarking on her GCSE qualifications.

At Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form, we believe that commencing GCSE subjects in Year 9 allows our students the opportunity to develop greater depth and understanding in their examination subjects. We also recognise the need to keep a broad and balanced curriculum and all students will continue to be taught a range of non-examined subjects, including PE, PSHCE and carousel of enrichment subjects including: IT, STEAM, Musical Theatre and Mandarin.

This term we will be working through our PSHCE and Tutorial programme to explore the options available to your daughter as she approaches the next stage of her academic journey.

We have listed below our carefully planned range of activities, which will support your daughter in making informed choices. We greatly value the important contribution you as a family make in supporting your daughter through this process. Therefore, we would like to draw your attention to our Options & Careers Evening taking place on Tuesday 7 February 2023 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Further details for this evening will be provided closer to the time.

Date	Activity
Wednesday 4 January	Introduction to GCSE Assembly - led by Miss Thornley
Friday 6 January	Initial subject interest submitted - practice test run of the process
Wednesday 11 January - Thursday 26 January	GCSE Subject Presentations Students will participate in tailored assemblies led by Subject Leads with an opportunity for focused Q&A
Thursday 2 February	Decision Making Session - led by the Form Tutor
Tuesday 7 February	Options & Careers Evening - 6.00pm to 8.00pm A school based event for families (parents/carers and students) to understand the curriculum, speak to subject teachers, employers and further education establishments
Wednesday 8 February	Online GCSE options form published
Wednesday 8 February - Thursday 9 March	SEND support meetings - targeted meetings for students with specific SEND to support during the process
Wednesday 8 February - Thursday 9 March	Tutor time Q&A sessions
Tuesday 7 March	Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 March	Options form final submission date
Summer Term	Confirmation of GCSE subjects



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At Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form we fundamentally believe that each student is an individual and we aim to work with you and your daughter to ensure that the curriculum she chooses reflects her aspirations, nurtures her talents and continues to foster her love of learning. Taking time to make the right choices now will be crucial to ensuring that your daughter achieves her best in the future.

We look forward to supporting you and your daughter at this important time in her school journey. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's Form Tutor, Head of Year Miss Clark or myself.

Yours faithfully



Miss S Thornley
Deputy Head/Head of Lower School

