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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Guided Choices

As you will be aware Year 8 students make their GCSE option choices this term. This letter is to give you a brief timeline of the differing stages of the process allowing them to choose their GCSE option subjects, starting in September 2023.

On the **Monday and Tuesday of week commencing 6th February 2023** the Guided Choices booklets will be handed to students during registration. This gives an overview of the process and where additional information to help make decisions can be found. The selection of courses on offer are designed to best ensure both achievement through Key Stage 4 and access to appropriate post-16 courses beyond Year 11.

In a change to the date published on the college website on **Tuesday 21st February 2023** I invite you to the Guided Choices evening. This will take place in college and there will be 2 sessions:

5.30 – 6.30pm: Etheldreda and Franklin students

6.30 – 7.30pm: Scott, Seacole and Turing students

At the event there will be a presentation by both the Principal and myself explaining the process in more detail and the opportunity to ask us both questions. There are no subject staff available during the evening; if you have subject specific questions regarding suitability or details about the course, then please contact your child's teachers directly.

On **Wednesday 22nd February 2023** the Options Online system will go live and at this point students can start choosing their options. The deadline for this is **Friday 24th March 2023**. More detail about the Options Online system will be given during the Guided Choices evening.

On **Tuesday 7th March 2023** the Year 8 Meet the Tutor Evening will take place. This will give you an opportunity to talk to your child's tutor about their progress and thoughts on GCSE choices. More information on how to book your appointment will come out in February. If you have subject specific questions, then please do contact your child's teacher directly to ask.

On **Friday 24th March 2023** the Options Online system will close and on **Thursday 30th March 2023** you will be emailed with the choices we have recorded for your child. To be clear this is not the final allocation of choices but the ones we currently have recorded for them. Final allocations will be communicated in early June 2023.

Should you have any questions about the Guided Choices process contact me by email:

guidedchoices@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KJ Norton-Berry'.

KJ Norton-Berry
Assistant Principal



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