26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

To the Parents/Carers of Yr 8 Students



Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the information in the parent bulletin I am writing to give you additional details about the Guided Choices process that Year 8 students will soon be following to allow them to choose their GCSE option subjects, starting in September 2021.

On **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** there will be a whole Year 8 online assembly taking place where the Guided Choices process will be explained to them. At this assembly the Guided Choices and Subject Choice booklets will be shown and students will be told where they can access this information and more. The same booklets are attached to this email. 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.

On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** I invite you to the Guided Choices virtual evening from 6pm – 7pm. This will be in the format of a Zoom meeting. An invite and further details will be shared shortly. There will be a presentation by both the Principal and myself explaining the process in more detail.

On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** the Year 8 Tutor evening will take place. This will give you an opportunity to talk to your child's tutor about their progress. More information on how to book appointments will come out in the next few weeks.

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** the Options Online system will go live and at this point students can start choosing their options. The deadline for this is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

Should you have any questions about the Guided Choices process contact me by email: <u>knorton-berry@elycollege.co.uk</u>

Yours faithfully

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