



19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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 2022.

On the **Monday and Tuesday of week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January** 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.

On **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** the Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place. This will give you an opportunity to talk to your child's teachers about their progress and suitability for GCSE study. More information on how to book appointments will come out in the next few weeks.

On **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** I invite you to the Guided Choices virtual evening from 6pm – 7pm. Details of how to join the event will be distributed later this week and again on the day. There will be a presentation by both the Principal and myself explaining the process in more detail.

On **Thursday 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 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

Should you have any questions about the Guided Choices process contact me by email: [guidedchoices@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:guidedchoices@elycollege.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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