

Purbrook Park School

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Dear Parents,

RE: Year 8 Options

As your son/daughter approaches the next stage of his/her education I would like to take this opportunity to explain this year's Options process. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is going to be different to usual.

From **Monday 15th to Friday 26th March 2021**, in pupils' timetabled lessons, they will experience a taster session for that subject at GCSE level. This is an opportunity for the pupils to ask questions and be given a brief overview and a 'feel' for the subject at KS4. During this fortnight pupils will also have an assembly where I will talk through the options process with them.

To ensure we are able to share as much key information with you as possible we have created a Year 8 Options Page on the school website which can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.purbrookparkschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+8+Options+2021&pid=711>

Included in this section is a page called 'Virtual Options Evening 2021'. Here you will find all the information you and your son/daughter need to make informed choices about his/her options and how to make his/her final selection. This information will not 'go live' until **6.00pm on Thursday 22nd April 2021**. You will need a username and password to enter this part of the website. The username is detailed below and the password will be sent to all parents by Thursday 22nd April 2021:

<https://www.purbrookparkschool.co.uk/page/?title=Virtual+Options+Evening+2021&pid=712>

Username: year8@purbrook.hants.sch.uk

Once your son/daughter has reviewed all the information available and made his/her final choices, these will need to be entered via the 'SIMs Options Online' system. This will not be possible until 23rd April 2021 at the earliest. Instructions on how to access this system are included with this letter.

All relevant information, including important deadlines will be found in these pages of the website. Should you have any questions about the Options process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Wilson

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