



29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The Key Stage 4 Course Choices process is now well underway. Our taster lesson programme has run since half term and this has allowed all students to experience a form time session on each of the new subjects we have to offer, such as Media Studies or Astronomy. In addition to this, within lessons students have learnt more about the courses offered at Key Stage 4 within each department.

This morning our students had their assembly to explain the process in more detail and this afternoon they will be handed their course choices booklets and pathway forms. You can also download a copy of the booklet from our website by following this link [Hinchingbrooke School - Key Stage 4 - Course Choices](#). Our course choices booklet contains all the information needed about the process and the subjects available in order to make an informed decision.

We also offer all our Year 8 students the opportunity to have a 1-1 discussion with one of our senior members of staff about their course choices if they feel that would be helpful. In these 15-minute discussions, we explore the reasons for choosing subjects, links to future careers and plans for post-16 education. Students can request a meeting by emailing [coursechoices@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:coursechoices@hbk.acesmat.uk) if this is something they would find useful.

### **Year 8 Course Choices Process – Key Dates**

14<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' evening – a chance to discuss progress with current teachers

1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March: SLT interviews – by request

**18<sup>th</sup> March: Deadline for returning course choices forms**

24<sup>th</sup> May: Confirmation letters sent home

July: New teaching groups organised

October: Choices change window (subject to availability)

If you have any subject specific queries, please use the contact details in the course choices booklet to contact the course leader directly. For any general queries about the process, please email [coursechoices@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:coursechoices@hbk.acesmat.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.

Please return completed forms to form tutors after the Y8 parents' evening with a final deadline of **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**.

Yours sincerely

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