



# Graham School

Building Character

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Dear Parent/Carer

We endeavour to provide our students with the best opportunities which support them to reach their fullest potential whilst here at Graham School and then to take into their futures, whether that be in Further Education, employment or training. Key stage 4 studies are a hugely exciting time for students once they have selected their options and start to follow a programme of subjects which leads them into that future.

From 2016 the Government has measured a students' performance across a broad balanced set of 8 subjects as opposed to the 5A\*- C measure which had previously been the threshold. This measure is known as Progress 8.

In order to provide your son/daughter the greatest opportunities and time to develop their learning, knowledge and skills within their chosen subjects we have made the decision to start Key stage 4 studies in year 9. Therefore, this means that your son/daughter will now be engaged in an options process over the next couple of weeks.

The schedule below outlines the whole process and opportunities for students and parents to gain vital information to make informed subject choices.

Options Assemblies and Form Time	Week beginning 20 March
Options Evening and Options forms issued	Thursday 23 March (4pm – 7pm)
Visit upper school site to discuss options with subject teachers	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March (period 1)
Interviews with senior member of staff	From Monday 27 March
DEADLINE for Options forms	Friday 31 March

At Options Evening there will be a short presentation to inform parents of the options process and then subjects will create a marketplace where you can meet with staff to discuss the content of subjects at GCSE.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and starting our year 8 students on this very exciting journey for them.

Yours faithfully  


Kerry L Millar  
 Deputy Headteacher