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Dear Parents,

Year 8 Parents' Evening (Tuesday 16th January 2024 – 5.30 pm) & Year 8 Options

Firstly, this letter informs you about the upcoming parents' evening on 16th January. We will once again be using Microsoft Teams for this Parents' Evening, and we very much hope that you will be able to attend appointments online with your son.

Pupils will be given appointment cards and will make appointments with the relevant members of staff for you. Each appointment lasts five minutes and it is important that your son leaves at least five minutes between the end of one appointment and the beginning of the next to allow time to end one Teams video call and begin the next one. Teachers will be available between 5.30 pm and 8.00 pm. At a teacher's discretion, some appointments may be made at an alternative time or date.

Pupils will need to log onto Teams in good time before the appointments. Teachers will start each appointment as a meeting, which you will be able to click on to start the conversation as you sit with your son. Please make sure that your sound, microphone and camera are working.

Boarding parents can also attend on this evening or may prefer to attend the Boarders' Parents' Morning on Saturday, 16th March 2024. The choice is yours. Please ensure that your son knows your preference so that he can organise the necessary appointment slots.

Secondly, we wish to inform you of two important decisions your son needs to make regarding **subject choices** for Year 9.

- 1) Your son is currently studying two of the three Modern Foreign Languages we offer (French, Spanish, German). He will be able to continue with both these languages next year if he wishes. However, he will also have the chance to study Ancient Greek next year instead of one of these modern languages. Ancient Greek in Year 9 is designed as a one-year course, although pupils are able to continue with the subject to GCSE if they wish.

You and your son should be aware that if he takes up this opportunity to study Ancient Greek, he will not be able to revert to studying his dropped MFL after missing one year of the course. You should also be aware that, with regards to the compulsory GCSE language option this time next year, your son can select either a classical or a modern language, though boys can choose up to 3 languages.

- 2) Pupils are also asked to choose between Latin and Technology. They will have studied both of these in Year 8 but cannot continue with both into Year 9.

Technology in Year 9 will operate as it does in Year 8 and will include one third of the year studying Food Technology.

Please talk these options decisions through with your son and complete [this form](#) indicating his choices no later than Friday 19th January 2024.

We hope that parents' evening will be an excellent opportunity to review the year so far for Year 8 students and to ask any questions you may have about options decisions.

We look forward to meeting parents virtually on 16th January 2024. If you are unable to attend and require further information or advice, please contact the Head of Year 8 and 9 - Mr Young syoung@lrgs.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle
Headmaster