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Dear Parents/Guardians,

CHOOSING OPTIONS

As you will be aware your son is about to embark on the GCSE options process leading to a decision on which subjects he will study in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). The process is due to begin during week commencing **5th February** with boys starting to work on their option choices with their Tutors and accessing the school website for information. Half term week will be an ideal time to reflect on and develop these thoughts.

On **Wednesday 21st February** there will be an Information Evening for parents and students. There will be two presentations in the School Hall, the first at 6.00pm for parents and students of C, D and M Houses, the second at 7.00pm for parents and students in R, T and W Houses. Upon arrival you will receive an Options Booklet providing information on each subject choice. There will be a presentation giving an overview of the options structure at TBSHS (i.e. compulsory and optional subjects).

To ease the flow of people, it would be helpful if you could arrive just before the start of the appropriate presentation. Students should attend in school uniform. If you are unable to attend Options Evening, please contact Mrs Williams, Pastoral Secretary, on 01279 869549 or by e-mail to audra.williams@tbshs.org

On **Thursday 15th March** students and parents are invited to a Parents Evening to discuss the progress of students in all their subjects. This is an ideal opportunity to ask subject staff about your child's suitability to study subjects to GCSE level and beyond.

Students will be encouraged to ask questions of their subject teachers prior to making their decisions. Final choices must be submitted by **Wednesday 21st March** allowing a full four weeks for decision making.

I look forward to seeing you at Options Evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr R J Wheatley
Head of Year



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