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Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: Year 8 - Options Process and upcoming Parents Options Presentation event

As you are all aware, Year 8 is a hugely important time for Leckie students as they take their options to decide which subjects they will take into GCSE and Level 2 study between Years 9 and 11. In preparation for this I wanted to inform you of some key dates, outlined below, regarding the process for these Options and also to invite you to attend the Parent Options Presentation on **Thursday 15**<sup>th</sup> **January 2026 from 4-6pm.** The evening is a very important part of the options process, allowing parents to understand the process and the key stages involved. It will involve a short presentation led by Mr Greaves (Vice Principal), Mrs Price (Assistant Principal) and Mr Taylor (Head of Year 8) and representatives from all subject areas available with stalls to promote to, and inform students about their subject areas. This is all intended to help with your and your child's options and make the process as streamline as possible.

The evening will take place in the CBB building and parking will be available by using the entrance on the old car park at the Academy's west end, as well as on the Academy yard. Please sign in with a member of the attendance team on arrival, so that we can track which students have been represented. There will be 4 presentation start times; 4.15pm, 4.45pm, 5.15pm and 5.45pm. Each of these presentations will be in the Drama Studio and have a maximum of 80 parents/students in, to allow for questions etc. also. It is essential that you attend this presentation, as it will outline how the options process works and how best to support your child through this process.

Key Dates for your diaries for the Year 8 Options Process:

- WB 12<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> January- Y8 'in class mock exams'
- Thursday 15th January- Y8 Options Evening (for parents)
- Tuesday 20th January- Extended assembly for Year 8- 8.30-10am-Outlining subjects that they don't do at KS3 – Business, Childcare, Psychology, Media, Sociology, Travel and Tourism, Computer Science- students to get options booklets
- Thursday 5th March Year 8 Parents Evening- forms to go out that day to students
- Friday 13th March- Submission of forms deadline

It is important that you and your child fully engage with the process, throughout the different dates outlined above as, making the correct choices for your child is paramount to ensuring they can achieve their potential. If you have any questions about the options process or the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me at the Academy. I look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at the Options Evening and am sure that together we can support your child to make the right decisions for their future.

Kind Regards,

Joe Greaves- Vice Principal



