



March 2020

**Year 8 – Combined Options and Parents’ Event  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

At Netherhall Learning Campus we understand that choosing options can be a stressful and confusing time. The support of parents and carers is an integral part of the options process and with this in mind, we have organised a combined Options and Parents’ Event on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. The event will begin at 3:00pm and run until 6:30pm.

Options

This event will give you the opportunity to visit subject areas and discuss the current requirements and suitability of each KS4 course. As it is vital that both parent/carers and student are involved in the decision making process it is important you should visit as many subject areas as possible, this will give you the best chance of making an informed decision. I have enclosed an options booklet with further subject information and learning pathways for you to read and discuss with your child.

Students will then be given the opportunity to select their option pathways, the deadline for this will be 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 3pm. The process for choosing options will be done electronically and this will be sent out to both parents and students following the options event.

Parents’ Event

You will be able to meet with your child’s tutor to discuss current progress, behaviour and attendance. The school has introduced a new and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your appointment time with your tutor and receive an email confirming your appointment. The appointment can be made when the event goes live on the website at 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and will close on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 6pm. Please visit <https://nlc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to register. Once registered you can book your appointments online from 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (a short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter).

If you feel that a further meeting with a subject teacher would be beneficial, we will also run an additional parents’ event on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** where you will be able to make appointments with specific subject teachers, should this be needed. This additional event will also begin at 3pm and run until 6.30pm. Appointments will be available to book from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.

Careers Information

We will have our careers advisor, Sarah Timberley based in the main hall who will also be able to offer any guidance and support in terms of potential future career pathways, this can include requirements for apprenticeships, University courses and employment opportunities.

If you cannot make the Options and Parents Event but still wish to discuss the process, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Head of Year 8 team Ena Basic and Kath Conway on the number above.

We all look forward to welcoming you to the event to help you make clear, confident and exciting GCSE choices and to discuss your child's current progress.

If you are planning to attend could I please ask that drivers use the designated parking spaces as this will avoid causing congestion and blockages at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

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Suzy Mattock  
**Deputy Headteacher**