



# PLATANOS COLLEGE

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well during these unfortunate and unprecedented times.

We all at the school are working tirelessly to ensure that our pupils, your children, are able to access learning as best as they possibly can. Please be reminded that if you have any queries, or for trouble-shooting, you can email [year8pastoral@platanoscollege.com](mailto:year8pastoral@platanoscollege.com).

Despite these unusual times, we must continue to look forward to the future. Most of the subjects in the school are compulsory, however we offer option choices for pupils in year 9 to study subjects that they have greater interest in and to have a taster of what the subjects may be like at GCSE.

We would normally be holding assemblies and holding meetings with you and your children to inform you about the Options process – but we are unable to do this at the moment.

As a result, we have collated an Options Information Booklet for you and your children to read through and study in order to fully inform you about the range of subjects on offer at Platanos College – for both compulsory subjects and subjects that your child/ren can choose one from as an option.

It is the hope that this will better inform you and your child about the option subjects that they can choose from.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020, we will be holding telephone interviews with all pupils and their parents to help in the choosing of the option subject.

- This phone call will be from a member of the Senior Leadership Team
- It will last for approximately 10 minutes.
- At the end of this phone call, we will ask what option subject your child would like to take – there will be a first and second choice.

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Some things to consider before this telephone interview:

- The telephone call will come from a withheld number.
- Both you and your child should ensure that they have read the Option Information Booklet prior to the call.
- Once the option choices have been made, it might not be possible to change them.
- In the event of a subject becoming oversubscribed, attendance, punctuality and behaviour records will be taken into account in being accepted for a first-choice option.

The extraordinary Options process we have planned for is by no means ideal. However, until we receive further guidance from the UK government on when it is safe to reopen schools, we must continue to plan for the new academic year.

We cannot delay this process as the planning for the new academic year begins in the Summer term.

If you have any queries regarding the Options process, please consult the Options Information Booklet as your first point of reference. Any additional queries can be made by emailing the year 8 pastoral email account [year8pastoral@platanoscollege.com](mailto:year8pastoral@platanoscollege.com).

On behalf of all of the staff at the school, we thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W. Bourke  
**Deputy Headteacher**

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