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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 8 options process

In December we wrote to you explaining how the options process will run, and to provide you with some key dates. As noted in the school calendar, which has been shared with all parents and carers at the start of the academic year, you will receive information and updates relating to your child's progress at the following points:

- Year 8 Progress report shared by 23rd November 2020.
- Full Year 8 report shared by 9th March 2021.
- Options evening 11th March 2021
- Year 8 Progress report shared by 17th May 2021.
- Progress evening 10th June 2021

Since March 2020, education has been disrupted for all learners. Our staff have been working tirelessly to provide the best possible education they can, given the circumstances we find ourselves in. With such an important decision approaching for our year 8 learners, it is vital that we ask ourselves the question: 'Are our young people ready to choose their options?'

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Directors of areas of learning have discussed the option process at length. We understand that some of our learners may have "second thoughts" once they have chosen their options, and we will do our very best to cater for all requests up to and during the first half-term of year 9. Any option changes will need to be discussed and agreed upon with all parties involved, we want to ensure that our young people are making educated decisions regarding their futures.

The options process will begin with information being provided to all pupils well ahead of the options evening. A programme will run alongside this in their Health & Wellbeing sessions. It is our current intention to offer subject taster sessions in some format, especially those which will be new to our learners, for example Business Studies. Our preference would be to deliver these sessions face-to-face, as with all of our learning, but we are currently considering ways for these to run online should the present

restrictions continue so young people don't miss out on the opportunity. The options evening will now be conducted virtually via our school website. This section of the website will go live at 4:30pm on 11th March 2021, the date and time when our scheduled options evening would have started. Following this learners will have 10 days to make their choices. Interviews with each pupil will take place with key members of staff during the summer term to discuss these choices before they are confirmed.

It is important that we gather the thoughts of all parties involved. Therefore, if you have any comments please email us via: options@milfordhavenschool.co.uk. There will also be an opportunity for our year 8 learners to share their views via an online survey, which we intend to send out on their year group google classroom. Thank you for your continued support, and please reach out to us if there is anything else we can do to help you through this process.

Yours faithfully

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