

18 March 2022

Dear families

On Wednesday 30 March, we will be asking our Year 8 students to opt for the humanities subject – History or Geography – that they will go on to study in greater depth for GCSE in Years 9 to 11. This is the first important choice that your child will have to make in advance of their full options choices which will take place this time next year.

Whichever subject your child chooses, they will study this subject for two lessons over the course of Year 9. Let me add that whether their choice be History or Geography, they will continue to study the other subject once a week in Year 9. This decision has been made to ensure that students have more autonomy over their curriculum at an earlier stage but also to ensure that they will continue to benefit from the Powerful Knowledge that a broad and balanced curriculum can offer.

This option will be made via Microsoft Forms. This Forms link will be sent out to you at the beginning of next week and a DFA website link will also be sent to you containing GCSE options videos produced by Mr Robertson, our Head of Humanities. Please take the time to talk to your child to discuss their interest in the above subjects and, also, their future career aspirations. Indeed, choices should be based on an enjoyment of the subject and also future ambitions.

Below are some key dates:

Monday 21 March: Mr Roberts, Vice Principal, addresses Year 8 students in Morning Meeting.

Monday 21 March: GCSE Humanities Options videos go live on the website.

Tuesday 22 March: Microsoft Options Form is sent to students.

Wednesday 30 March: Final choices are made.

Thursday 7 April: Parents and students are notified of choices via letter from the Academy.

If you have any questions, I will be very happy to respond. Please get in touch via the following email: aroberts@dixonsfa.com

Yours faithfully

Mr A. Roberts
Vice Principal
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