



The  
**Birkenhead Park**  
School

7 February 2019

Dear Parent

**Year 8 Curriculum Choices and Parents' Evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 3:30pm – 6:30pm**

This event is a highly valued part of the school calendar and we invite you to attend school at **3.30pm for a presentation in the Main Hall**. This will allow you to support your son/daughter to make informed subject choices through the options process.

I'm sure you are aware that the new GCSE examinations introduced in 2017 have more content and it is more challenging to achieve a good pass at the end of Year 11. To give our students the best chance at achieving the highest grades possible, we participate in the curriculum choices process in Year 8 with their chosen pathway starting in Year 9. This allows our students to spend more time on the subjects they enjoy and allows them to stop taking some subjects they have no intention of studying at GCSE level.

The foundation year in Year 9 will help students to develop key skills and knowledge in their selected subjects so they are ready to embark on their GCSEs midway through the year. There will be opportunity, in negotiation with myself, for some students to switch their choices in the first term of Year 9 if they believe they have chosen the wrong subject for them. After this point the subjects they choose will be their GCSE subjects.

**Year 8 Parents' Evening** will follow the presentation. This will give you an opportunity to talk to the teachers who can provide further details around individual subjects and answer any questions that you may have. It is usual for our young people to make their own appointments with the teachers and we have enclosed an appointment sheet which they should complete. We would encourage you to meet with as many subject teachers as possible.

Staff from the Year 8 Pastoral Team and the Senior Leadership team will also be available to talk to if you wish.

We do hope that you will be able to attend this important event, please confirm your attendance by emailing Mrs Davies at [DDa@birkenheadparkschool.com](mailto:DDa@birkenheadparkschool.com)

Yours faithfully

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**Please return to your child's Form Tutor as soon as possible**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see:

Teacher	Time: Staff to complete	Teacher	Time: Staff to complete
1. English		5.	
2. Maths		6.	
3. Science		7.	
4.		8.	

My preferred range of times is (please tick ONE ONLY)

<b>4.00pm – 4.45pm</b>	
<b>4.45pm – 5.30pm</b>	
<b>5.30pm – 6.30pm</b>	