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Dear Parent(s)

As you are aware, Key Stage 4 students at St Francis Xavier's College are offered a broad and balanced curriculum which mainly consists of a number of examined subjects. Some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. This year we have decided to implement early options for Year 8. This means they will start GCSE study when they start Year 9. Students will receive information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents, your help in supporting this process is essential.

Options information will be available to students next week so they can begin considering the courses offered, although students should resist the temptation to start making any decisions until they receive their Options form and Options booklet. The form will highlight which choices are suitable and available to them.

We would like to invite you to our **Options Evening at 6.00pm on Monday 30th April 2018**. There will be a talk in the Main School Hall outlining the options process, the framework within which choices must be made for your child and information about the increased challenge of new GCSE exams. This will be followed by an opportunity to visit classrooms and workshops, staffed by teachers who are subject specialists, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Individual Options forms will be handed out to students during the Options Evening. The deadline for returning Options forms is 1pm Monday 14th May 2018.

Timetabling and staffing the options is a complex process and whilst we try our best to accommodate sensible options, occasionally this proves impossible. If problems arise we will look at reserve choices and contact you. We hope to be in a position to finalise next year's timetable by the beginning of June, when we will inform students of their final options.

In the meantime it would be very helpful if you could discuss this with your son and encourage him to start to think about subjects he might like to choose.

If you have any questions about this process could you please contact me or Miss Rippon who will become your son's Co-ordinator of Learning in Year 9.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher

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