

NMB/P:Options/Parent Options Evening 2017  
April 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Year 8 Parents'/Carers' and Options Evening – Thursday 4 May 2017 at 16:00hrs**

The Year 8 Parents'/Carers' and Options Evening is an important event for all Year 8 students and their parents/carers. As well as a standard parents/carers evening, information will also be given regarding Key Stage 4 and the subjects that are either compulsory or optional for students to study over their next three years at Shirley High School.

An appointment system will operate and you are asked to complete the appointment sheet in the planner indicating which teachers you wish to meet. Teachers have also been given an appointment sheet and they too may wish to see you at the parents'/carers' evening. If so, this will be indicated in your child's planner. There should be a full list of the names of your child's teachers in the front of his / her Student Planner. Your son / daughter should bring his / her planner to school to begin making appointments with the subject teachers. If you wish to speak to other subject staff at the evening regarding your child's progress then there will be opportunity to do this on a drop in basis at the subject stand. If you can indicate which presentation you would like to attend by blanking out a half hour segment when appointments should not be made at either 16:30hrs or 18:00hrs that would be appreciated.

All Year 8 parents/carers and students are expected to attend so that they have the information necessary to make suitable option choices. **Year 8 students should be dressed in full school uniform.**

Please note that the school closes to students at 14:30 hrs on this day but Year 8 students may stay on site until the evening starts at 16:00hrs if they wish.

I do hope you have had an opportunity to view the options booklet that complements the evening which is available via the school website. If not please access it via the Parents' Information page at [www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk). Students were shown the booklet in February, when it went on-line and since then heads of departments have been providing subject specific information via assemblies and lessons.

The programme for the evening is as follows:-

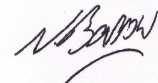
16:30 hrs	Presentation on the Option process by Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School) and Miss Morrison (Head of Year 8) in the Hall.	Parents'/carers' to visit the Performing Arts Block and C Block to view subject materials and displays and to discuss Option subjects with the specialist teachers present.*	Parents'/Carers' Evening in C Block.*
18:00 hrs	Repeat Presentation on the Option process by Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School) and Miss Morrison (Head of Year 8) in the Hall.		
19.00 hrs	Evening ends.		

\*Please see guide sheet provided on the evening for locations of subject areas.

An information desk for Student Support will be available in the LRC.

Please contact Ms Fair (Vice Principal – Head of Lower School) or Miss Morrison (Head of Year 8) if you have any queries about the evening.

Yours sincerely



N M Barrow  
Principal

**SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE – REPLY SLIP**

**TO:** Miss A Morrison – Head of Year 8 (via Form Tutor)

**RE:** Year 8 Options Evening – Thursday 4 May 2017

**Student Name**..... **Tutor Group**.....

I confirm I will be attending the Year 8 Options Evening.

I will not be attending the Year 8 Options Evening for the following reason: .....

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Signature of Parent/Carer ..... Date .....