



Brentside High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday, 5 March 2026 from 16:30-18:30

This will be a valuable evening to meet staff and discuss the subjects available for your child to study in Key Stage 4.

Your child may have already spoken to you about the fact that the Options Process for Year 8 has begun. This means that they have the opportunity to express preferences about some of the subjects they will study when they move into Year 9. This is a time that students always enjoy and put a lot of thought into. Students have had an assembly about the process which provided information about what choices they can make and there is more guidance available to them in a range of formats over the coming weeks. Students will also hear in their assemblies from leaders of subjects that have not been taught in Years 7 or 8 but become available as a choice in Year 9.

At the Options Evening, we will explain how this process works, and you will have the opportunity to visit subjects with your child to make informed decisions about choosing the right subjects for them. The evening will start with a presentation in the Assembly Hall. You will be able to ask senior and middle leaders' questions and ask for support, advice and guidance on this night.

Your child will bring home the **Options Booklet** after the Options Evening, please ask them for this so that you can begin discussions about the subjects they are good at and keen to study next year.

Within the booklet you will find:

- An **explanation of the curriculum for all** students
- Guidance on **which parts of the curriculum are core** (and studied by everyone) and **which parts have an element of personalisation and/or choice**
- **Information about all of the subjects** within the curriculum
- **Key dates** in the options process
- Examples of each of the **two Options Forms** which help to make clear where an element of choice is offered to students.
- Deadline for Option Form is **Friday, 27 March 2026**

On the evening, we will provide some more information, aiming to answer frequently asked questions.

Once you have read through these documents, please do send us an email if you have any other questions at y8options2026@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk and one of the team will get back to you.

Please can you confirm your attendance by completing this short, online form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bhs-y8optionseve-mar26>

We really look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and working together with you to make sure your child is successful in their chosen subjects.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chelh
Year Leader for Year 8

Ms Nagra
Assistant Headteacher