

The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Options 2019-2020

Following feedback from a number of parents and students about our Year 8 options offer this year, we have decided to make some further changes.

To ensure that all our students have the broadest possible range of choices and also that they have a fuller set of qualifications at the end of Year 11, we have decided to move back to a **4 option model with immediate effect**.

This is easy for us to put into effect, as we will take each student's first reserve subject as their fourth option choice. After half term, we will analyse the results and talk to every student individually to review their choices. **However, if any student wishes to make their options choices again in light of this new information, that is also fine and we will keep the Application Form open until Monday 25th February 2019.** Once we have completed this process every student will also get a personalised options offer.

A few parents have raised concerns over our stipulation that students must include an Ebacc subject (History, Geography, French, Spanish, Triple Science or Computer Science) within their options choices. We do expect the vast majority of students to take an academic pathway and choose at least 1 Ebacc subject and hope that, by increasing the number of options, we have made it easier for students to choose an engaging and personalised curriculum that combines breadth with academic rigour.

I do hope that you agree with the changes that I have outlined, which have emerged through our commitment to listen to parental concerns and then to act upon them, swiftly. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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