23rd February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year Eight – Options Information Evening – London Road
Thursday 23rd March 2017 6:30pm

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our exciting new plans for the curriculum for Year 8 as they move into Year 9.

Traditionally, at Wrenn Academy, students have selected their option choices in Year 9 and have begun their courses in Year 10. As a result of careful consideration we have decided that our Year 8 will be the first year to have this option choice brought forward.

As I am sure you are aware, the new GCSE courses are becoming increasingly difficult and we feel that it would be hugely beneficial for our students to have an extra year of study in their option subjects. We have also consulted students who have expressed a desire to only focus on the subjects they would like to continue with. Therefore Year 8 students will be choosing their options at the end of this year and will be beginning their GCSE courses in Year 9 as they move to Doddington Road.

We will be hosting an information evening on **Thursday 23rd March** to outline the process of choosing options. Students will then be issued with an options booklet which outlines all the different subjects available.

We will be inviting you back into school on the **Thursday 20th April** for Year 8 Parents' Evening and encourage you to use this
as an opportunity to discuss your child's option choices with their subject teachers.

Representatives from subjects not previously studied by the students will also be available on the Parents' Evening in April to answer any questions you may have.

We appreciate your support with this new initiative and look forward to seeing you on both evenings,

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