



# Penistone Grammar School

## Never Stop Flying

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Dear Parent/Carer of [StudentForename] [StudentSurname]

### Year 8 into 9 Mini-Options

As [StudentForename] moves from year 8 into year 9, [he/she] will be given the opportunity to make some choices about what [he/she] studies for the 2023/24 academic year.

Whilst [StudentForename] will continue to follow a broad and balanced Key Stage 3 curriculum which covers a full range of subjects, [he/she] will be able to have some input into what disciplines [he/she] will specialise in within some areas.

Specifically, [StudentForename] will study 4 out of the following 6 subjects next academic year, and will need to indicate their order of preference:

- Art
- Drama
- Food
- Graphics
- Resistant Materials
- Textiles

[StudentForename] will also be able to indicate their preference in terms of which language [he/she] studies. It is important to be aware that if [StudentForename] continues with a language at GCSE [he/she] will keep the language they are doing through year 9 and cannot swap between, for example, Spanish in Year 9 to French at GCSE.

- French
- Spanish
- Dual (French and Spanish)

[StudentForename] should indicate their choices by completing the Microsoft Form sent out via their Microsoft Teams Year 8: Class of 2026 Team. The deadline for completing this is **Wednesday 21 June 2023**.

Please note that [StudentForename] will need to be signed into their Teams account and not a sibling's (if relevant).

Mr Squires has delivered information about this to [StudentForename] already in assemblies, and lots of information will continue to be shared in Art, Technology, Drama and Languages classes over the next week, where [forename] is encouraged to ask any questions [he/she] might have.

We have also made it clear to all students that, whilst we will do our best to accommodate everyone's preference, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to achieve this due to timetable constraints.



Aim High

Be Determined

Be Brave

Be Supportive

Be Proud

For any parents / carers who would like any further information, Mr Squires and I will be holding a short online information session for parents on **Monday 19 June from 17:00 to 17:30**. The information session will provide more details about the principles behind our 'mini-options', as well as giving you an opportunity to ask any specific questions you might have.

You can join the information session via the following link: [Year 8 Online Mini-Options Information Session](#).

Should you have any questions (following the information evening), please don't hesitate to contact us by email to [enquiries@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:enquiries@penistone-gs.uk).

Yours sincerely



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