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Ref: RLA/CWA

Date: 10 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Student Name

Year 8 into 9 Mini Options

As students move from year 8 into year 9, they will be given the opportunity to make some choices about what they study for the 2026/27 academic year.

Whilst everyone will continue to follow a broad and balanced Key Stage 3 curriculum which covers a full range of subjects, students will have some input into what disciplines they wish to specialise in within our creative and practical subjects.

The students had a launch in mentor time this week with all the key information on the as well as having the opportunity to ask lots of questions in lessons. Below is a summary for yourselves so that you can support your children to make the best decisions they can. Or you can access the launch video on your child's Year 8: Class of 2029 Teams Channel.

Our Creative & Practical Offer:

Through year 9 all students will study **four** of the following six subjects:

Art

Drama

Food

Graphics

Resistant
materials

Textiles

They will study two from September to February and the remaining two from February to July.

Completing Preferences:

Students will need to indicate their order of preference for Art, Drama and Technology by completing the Microsoft Form sent out on Thursday 4 June, via their **Microsoft Teams Year 8: Class of 2029 Team**. The deadline for completing this is **Monday 15 June 2026**.

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

Important Information:

We would like to be clear 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. We aim to ensure that all students get at least three of their first four preferences, and it is highly likely that students will also do one of their least preferred subjects too.

Where your children have an idea of what they might wish to do at GCSE it is advisable to study those subjects through year 9 so that there is not a 1-year gap in their knowledge. On this note we reserve the



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right to change your child's options for the second rotation of subjects following the GCSE Options evening should we believe either your child or another student requires a place in a particular subject based on GCSE Options.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email to enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Yours sincerely

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