



# Penistone Grammar School

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### Parents and Carers of Year 8

#### Year 8 into 9 Mini Options

We are excited to launch our last part of the mini options process as we continue getting ready for Year 9.

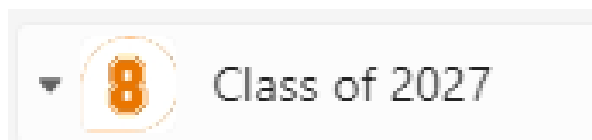
As stated in the newsletter before half term, everyone will continue to follow a broad and balanced Key Stage 3 curriculum which covers a full range of subjects, however students are being given some input into what disciplines they specialise in across the creative and design subjects of: Art, Drama and Technology.

The students are being drip fed information through their lessons currently and there will be a formal launch assembly on Friday 14 June 2024, where they will be presented with the key information. Below is a summary for yourselves so that you can support your children to make the best decisions they can.

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

Art	Drama	Food	Graphics	Resistant materials	Textiles
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They will study two from September to February and the remaining two February to July. Students will need to indicate their order of preference for the four they wish to study the most by completing the Microsoft Form sent out on Friday 14 June 2024, via their Microsoft Teams Year 8: Class of 2027 Team:



The deadline for completing this is **Wednesday 19 June 2024**.

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

We would like it to 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 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 (following the student assembly Friday 14 June), 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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