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Dear Parent(s) / Carer

**Information Evening, Wednesday 31 January, 6 – 8 p.m.
Year 8 Subject Preferences for Key Stage 4 (GCSE or equivalent)
starting September 2018**

At Gosford Hill students follow a three year Key Stage 4. Prior to the Information evening you will receive a '*KS4 Preferences Booklet*' which will provide detailed information about the courses offered to students in Year 9.

All students study a core set of subjects - English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Religious & Personal Education. Most students will be able to choose a few '*non-core*' / preference subjects which include *Art; Business Studies; Computer Science; Food Preparation & Nutrition; Design Technology - Resistant Materials or Textiles Technology; Drama; French; Geography; German; Health & Social Care; History; ICT; Music; Sport Studies*. A small number of students will be offered an alternative pathway of support to assist them further at KS4.

It is important that all students pursue the right courses to ensure maximum motivation, progress and examination success. You will no doubt be aware that the government has introduced significant changes to qualifications and examinations recently and I will address these at the information evening.

Following a brief presentation in the Main Hall at 6pm you will have the opportunity to gather further information and speak to subject staff of the non-core subjects that are on offer. Careers staff, House Leaders and Senior Staff will also be available for consultation in the School Hall and the main foyer during the evening.

The Year 8 Parents Consultation Evening, on Wednesday 24 January will also provide a timely update on the progress your son/daughter has made, which will help support subject preference decisions.

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Year 8 events.

Yours sincerely

Dominic Ward
Deputy Headteacher

