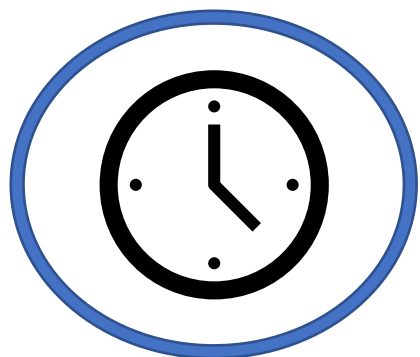




Mini Options Evening Year 8 2025

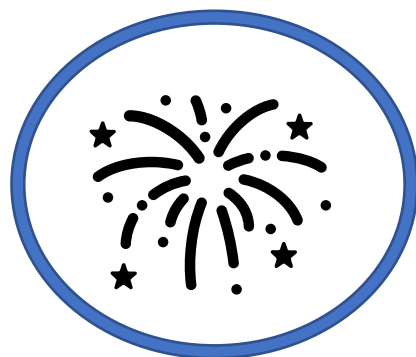
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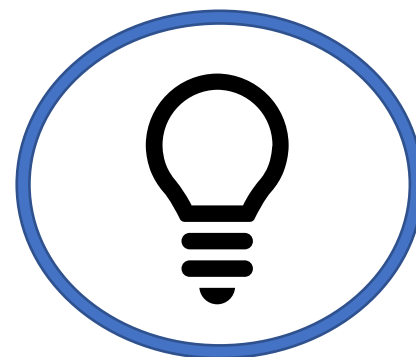
TIMELY CHOICES

Make your own informed choices around your strengths, interests and your desires for the next stage of education and employment.



SPARKING PASSION

Foundation year that builds on the skills and knowledge from Year 7 and Year 8 and gives you the opportunity to try something new.



KNOW MORE, REMEMBER MORE

Embed transferable and bespoke skills needed for subject content at GCSE.

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Options Evening Year 8

The aims of the evening are to:

- Find out about the Year 9 curriculum
- Find out what is involved in studying particular subjects in Year 9
- Be aware of the advice and guidance available from the school and other sources
- Be aware of the timescales for stating your preferences for your year 9 option subjects

Towards an outstanding curriculum

USH is a happy place where all are challenged to achieve; where we are distinguished as leaders of learning and the passion of our people transforms futures.



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Towards an outstanding curriculum

Year 8s will strive for **independence** and use **curiosity** to unlock our potential. We take **ownership** of our actions and show empathy to others

Year 8 Options – general overview

You will follow a 'Core Curriculum' of subjects that all students will take. The National Curriculum requires that year 9 pupils study a core curriculum of:

English	Maths	Science	History
Geography	French or Spanish	Core PE	PSHE

You will have a further choice of FOUR subjects from the list below:

Fine Art	Business Studies	Citizenship	Drama	Film Studies
Food and Nutrition	Graphic Communication	Health and Social Care	Creative iMedia	Design and Technology
Music Performance	Music Technology	Sports Leaders (PE)	Photography	Religious Studies
		Textiles		

Reserves

We will build a timetable to provide for as many first choices as possible. However, we cannot **guarantee** that all preferences will be met.

In some cases, there might not be enough students selecting a particular course, which will mean that it won't be able to run, or the timetable means that first choices cannot fit together.

It is important that you are happy to study the reserve subject and that you are not just putting it on the form to fill a space.

Making informed decisions

- What do you enjoy?
 - What are your strengths?
 - What are the career implications?
 - Has a good balance of subjects been maintained?
 - Consider your preferred learning style?
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- **Do not** be persuaded by your friends
 - **Do not** think about what staff took you this year
 - **Do not** pick a subject because it sounds different
 - **Do not** rush your choices

Support during the Mini Options Process

- This evening, you will be able to discuss with our Subject Leads the format of year 9 in the option subjects offered.
- The following information will be available on the school website: options booklet, options form, useful links to careers websites and this presentation.
- On Thursday, 6th March, we will have the Year 8 Parents' Evening for you to be able to talk to the individual class teachers.
- From next week, students will have the chance to have 'taster' lessons in their normal lessons. This is being organised by the Subject Lead of each department.
- Your child will have the opportunity to discuss their preferences with their tutor.
- Students who need guidance will have the opportunity to meet with our Careers Co-Ordinator who can help students make informed decisions.
- Your child's Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year will be available to talk through any questions.
- Targeted students will have the opportunity to meet with a senior member of staff to discuss their options choices and ensure they select ones that best suit them.

PLEASE....

- DO NOT STRESS

- Think
- Plan
- Research
- Discuss



Timeline

Year 8 Options Assembly	Monday, 3rd February
Booklets given to students	Tuesday, 4th February
Options Evening	Thursday, 6th February
Parents' Evening	Thursday, 6th March
Completed online form https://forms.gle/GkJprDVWMnUU9CHq7	Form open from 24th February Deadline - Friday, 28th March

**We do not allocate option choices on a first come first served basis.
We would much rather you took your time making considered choices
than racing to get your form completed as quickly as possible.*

Dr1
Drama
Mrs Lambert

DT1
Graphics, Design & Technology
Mrs Weston

Back Playground

ART2
Photography
Mrs Cadle

ART1
Art & Textiles
Mrs De Ruiter Hough

Ground Floor

Ma7
Sports Leaders
Mr Janata

Eng6
Business, RS &
Health & Social care
Ms Hartshorn
Miss Baillie
Mr Pitcher

Eng5
Citizenship
Ms Dibden

FS1
Film
Mrs O'Halloran

Mus1
Music Performance
Music Technology
Mr Smith

ICT 1
Creative iMedia
Mr Park

Front Playground

FD2
Food
Mr Davies



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Any Questions

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