

November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Preference Curriculum Programme

In Year 9, your child will follow the preference curriculum. This allows the pupils the opportunity to experience some subjects they have not yet studied at Hollingworth. In Year 9, pupils spend more time studying subjects they are thinking about doing qualifications in when they get to Years 10 and 11. This allows them to make a more informed choice regarding their Key Stage 4 options. The pupils have received the Preference Curriculum booklet with this letter; please read the booklet with your child. An electronic copy of the Preference Curriculum booklet is also available on Google Classroom and the Hollingworth Academy Website.

I would like to invite you to attend a **virtual Preference Curriculum Parent/Carer Information Session** on **Tuesday 24th November** at **6pm**; this will take place via Microsoft Teams. The link to access this session will be sent out to parents via email nearer the time of the event. If you have recently changed or updated your email address, please contact Hollingworth Academy so this can be updated for you on the school records. You can download the Microsoft Teams app from any app store.

During the session, Mrs Smith and I will deliver a presentation explaining the Year 8 preference curriculum process. After the presentation, Subject Leaders will be available to answer parental questions (in the Microsoft Teams chat function) relating to their subject area.

We strongly feel that your attendance at this virtual session will better enable you to support your child through the Preference Curriculum Programme. We look forward to presenting to you on **Tuesday 24th November 2020**. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you would like to discuss any issues relating to the matters above.

Yours faithfully



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Year 8 Preference Curriculum Programme 2020-2021

Event	Details	Date
Launch of Year 8 'Preference Curriculum Programme'	Virtual full Year 8 assembly.	Thursday 5 th November 2020
Preference Curriculum Booklets to Pupils	Distribution of the 'Preference Curriculum Booklets' and this letter.	Friday 6 th November 2020
'Preference Curriculum Information Sessions' within lesson time	Each department will provide advice and guidance to pupils about their Preference Curriculum options during the 'Information Sessions'. Information from Media and Business – via narrated PowerPoints	Monday 9 th – Friday 20 th November 2020
Virtual Preference Curriculum Parent/Carer Information Evening	Virtual evening event from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Opportunity to ask questions to head of departments about their preference curriculum subjects and how to aid pupils in completing their Preference Curriculum form.	Tuesday 24 th November 2020
Second full virtual Year 8 assembly	Support with completing the form.	Thursday 26 th November 2020
Preference forms to pupils	Preference forms handed to pupils via form tutors.	Friday 27 th November 2020
'Preference Curriculum' form deadline	'Preference Curriculum' form to be returned to form tutors.	Friday 4 th December 2020