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Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 8 Options Process**

After Christmas we will be working with you and your children in helping decide what the subjects they would like to study at GCSE and/or Level 2 BTEC. In order to support you in this process we have the following schedule planned:

<b>Important Dates</b>		
January 2019	Focus in tutor time, assemblies and ICT lessons - Choosing Options	Y8 students
January 2019	Taster lessons for GCSE/BTEC subjects	Y8 students
Thursday 24th January 5pm to 7pm	Year 8 Options Evening	Y8 students and parents/carers
Friday 25th January	Options process opens for students to enter choices	Y8 students and parents/carers
Thursday 7th February 3.45pm to 7pm	Year 8 Subject Parents' Evening	Y8 students and parents/carers
Monday 25th February	Options form closes for students to enter choices	Y8 students and parents/carers

At the Options Evening on Thursday 24 January 2019, 5.00-7.00pm you and your child will be able to hear a presentation about choices, how to make them and what to consider. There will also be plenty of opportunities to speak with teachers and students about the different options subjects and get as much information as possible.

There will be lots of support for students in the weeks running up to submission of options choices including tutor sessions and assemblies, taster sessions in all the different subjects and an options booklet which you can read. This options booklet provides a huge amount of detail about the process, the different qualifications and the subjects available.

As you read this booklet with your child remember the following top "Dos" and "Don'ts":

- ✓ DO choose subjects which you like.
- ✓ DO choose subjects at which you are successful.
- ✓ DO choose subjects which you may need for a career or further education.

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- ✓ DO find out everything that you can about the subject before you choose it. Once you have started a subject we expect you to stick with it.
- ✓ DO talk to the people who know you.
- ✓ DO listen to the advice your subject teachers give you.

- ✗ DON`T choose a subject just because your friend has chosen it.
- ✗ DON`T choose a subject just because you like - or dislike - a particular teacher: they may not end up teaching you.

We are all here, at Cheney, to help you make the right choices and support you in your journey through school and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Head Teacher

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