

# Tudor Grange Samworth Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you in regards to the subject option process for your current year 8 child this academic year 2020/21. Usually at this time of the academic year, year 8 children would begin to opt for their chosen subject selections in preparation for a foundation year in year 9 and beginning GCSE study in year 10.

Due to the recurrent lockdowns as a result of COVID-19 and the lost learning opportunities, as an academy we have decided your son/daughter will continue their current KS3 programme of study and opt for their GCSE subject selections in the spring of 2022 next academic year. It is imperative pupils have enough time in all of their KS3 national curriculum subjects. This is so they are have experience enough to make a decision regarding the subjects that they most enjoy and excel in to take forward for further study at GCSE level.

Having reflected on pupils opting in the spring of year 8 in the past, we think this is a positive move forward not only for your current year 8 child, but for all future year 8 children. Feedback we have previously received highlights that many pupils are not ready to opt as early as year 8, and often change their minds part way through the academic year after making their initial choices. We think by ensuring your son/daughter has a full three year KS3 experience, this will enable them to be more confident in their subject decisions moving forward at GCSE level.

Year 8 tutors will share this information with pupils as part of their tutor time programme. You will be invited to a subject options evening in the spring of 2022, where you will learn all about the options process and what you can do to support your son/daughter with the decisions that they make for their future.

If you have any questions, please contact [office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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