

15 November 2017

Dear Parent

Year 8 Options Evening, Thursday 30 November, 5pm

Your son has reached that crossroads in his school career when he needs to make some important decisions about which subjects he wants to focus on between now and end of Year 11. Our students examination subjects are split over Years 9, 10 and 11, and the decisions they make now will help to build the bigger picture they want to present on their CV at the end of Year 11. That in turn will help them on the next stage of their career pathway post 16.

To help with this major crossroads in his future, we would like to invite you and your son to our Options Evening on Thursday 30 November from 5pm. This event is the first step in a process which will include taster sessions of his chosen options subjects, a Parents Evening with subject teachers early next year and support from your sons Learning Coach and during his GLAS lesson time. Final submission of your sons choices are not until next February so there is plenty of time to consider his choices and make use of all the advice that is on offer.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

- **5pm** – A short talk from myself explaining the Options process over the coming months and the various opportunities for advice and support when considering these choices.
- **5pm till 7pm** – A chance to speak to subject staff about their particular areas, discuss wider issues with our careers team and take a look at other stalls and displays from post 16 providers and employers to help with thoughts on longer term career pathways.

We will also be distributing the Options Booklet which contains detailed information on the range of subjects your son can choose from and how these fit into his curriculum up to the end of Year 11 (this will also be available to download via the schools website after the event).

I look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and also working with you over the coming months to ensure your son decides on the best subject choices to ensure his future success.

Yours sincerely



Jon Morgan
Deputy Headteacher

Note: Please complete and return the reply slip below to your sons Learning Coach

Names: _____ Learning Coach: _____

We will/will not* be attending the Options Evening on Thursday 30 November. (delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____ Date: _____