

February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options Information Evening on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 – 5:30pm

We would like to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening on **Tuesday, 9th February 2016**. The purpose of the evening is to enable me to introduce the forthcoming options process to you.

The Options Evening will include a short presentation at **5:30pm** on current issues around examination changes, and what this means. There will also be an introduction to the option choices and pathways, initial details of the courses on offer, along with a course directory, selection forms and details on how to complete these. There will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions at the end or fill in a query form and we will get back to you with an answer. This will be an information only Evening and subject specific questions can be raised at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on **4th May 2016**.

Additional support will be given in school with all students receiving a guidance meeting with the senior leadership team in order to ensure students make the right choices. This is particularly important if they have not studied a subject at Key Stage 3 and are considering taking this at examination level.

As you are aware this is always an important time for Year 9 students, however, given the number of changes to the examinations system and courses recently, it has never been more important to ensure that our young people make the correct choices for them. I strongly urge you to attend this evening.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, 9th February 2016**. I would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached reply slip to inform us if you will or will not be able to attend and how many people are attending.

Yours faithfully



Tracy Willis

Deputy Headteacher

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Year 9 Options Evening (Please return to main office and complete the reply slip below)

Student: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I shall/shall not be attending the Options Evening on Tuesday, 9th February 2016.

Number of people attending: _____

Signed..... Parent/Carer