

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this academic year your child will reach the end of Key Stage Three. In September 2020, she/he will begin the final phase of compulsory schooling - Key Stage Four which will lead to examinations at GCSE level, in some cases vocational qualifications and entry to our sixth form, Further Education Colleges or Apprenticeships.

This is a very important time for you and your child and we would like to take the opportunity of inviting you to our Key Stage Four Options Evening to be held upon:

**Thursday 12th, March**  
**5:30 pm – 7.00 pm**  
**Theatre**

On this evening, you will have an opportunity to hear about the arrangements for the Key Stage Four Curriculum. Mr Clark will hold two presentations in the Theatre at **6:00pm and 6:30pm**. The Heart and The Conservatory will contain information on tables about the different GCSE courses and you will be able to visit as many subject areas as you wish to speak with staff and students who can give you more information about the subjects. ***You and your child are invited to join us at any point during the evening between the hours of 5:30pm and 7pm***, at a time which is most convenient for you. This year we also have arranged a careers day on the 12<sup>th</sup> for year 9 students where they will hear from eight different employers to help them to consider future pathways.

The Options Booklet, found on our website, provides information on the shape of the curriculum at Key Stage Four. It gives information about subjects which must be studied by all students; as well as details about those subjects where students have a choice. There is an Ebacc subjects option block following directives from the Government to ensure that students continue to study a broad range of subjects. Your son/daughter will have to choose one subject from the Ebacc option block and two from the Additional Choices options block. We recommend that students who are considering going on to University or Higher Education take a language and a humanities Ebacc option.

The information given is addressed to you and your daughter/son. We know that you will wish to discuss choices with them, and with us, so that wise decisions are made.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Johnson, Ms Gregory, Mr Clark or Ms Smith at any time if you would like further advice.

From experience we know parents and carers find the evening extremely useful and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Clark  
 Deputy Headteacher

Dear Mr Clark,

We will / will not be (please delete as appropriate) able to attend the Options Evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Student name.....Tutor group.....

Parent name.....Signature.....

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