



December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening Thursday 25th January 2018 at 6pm.

As you may be aware, GCSE qualifications have recently been reformed. Their grading structure has changed and the course content is now more extensive, rigorous and academically demanding.

Because of these new and more challenging courses, we have made the decision to extend key stage 4 from two years to three. Students in current Year 8 will therefore go through the options process this academic year and begin their GCSE subjects in September 2018 when they start Year 9. These courses will run for three years with final examinations during the summer 2021 when they are in year 11. Many schools across the country have moved to this three-year model for GCSEs with early indications being very positive.

As a result of these changes, I am writing to invite you, along with your son/daughter, to a **Year 8 into Year 9 - Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening on Thursday 25th January at 6pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about our Key Stage 4 curriculum. Our GCSE and vocational subjects will be represented at the evening and our careers advisor will also be available to answer your questions and to offer guidance.

At the start of the evening there will be a brief presentation about the options process and the new “reformed GCSEs” which will be studied. This evening will provide valuable information about courses and help students to make the right choices for the next stage of their education.

If you intend to come to the information evening I would be grateful if you would complete, sign and return the form below to their tutor.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Gardner
Deputy Headteacher

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Student Name Tutor Group.....

I *will /will not be attending the **Year 8 into Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening** on Thursday 25th January.

I would like places. Parent / carer signature.....

*Please delete what does not apply