



November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6pm.

As you may be aware, over recent years, GCSE qualifications have been reformed, their grading structure has changed and the course content is more rigorous and demanding.

Because of these new and more challenging courses, during the 2017/2018 academic year, we made the decision to extend key stage 4 from two years to three. Students in year 8 go through the options process and begin their GCSE subjects at the start of year 9. These courses will run for three years with final examinations during the summer when they are in year 11. Many schools across the country run this three-year model for key stage 4.

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 Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6pm.** This will be an opportunity for parents and students to find out about the options process and learn 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, the “reformed” GCSEs and vocational courses which can be studied. We hope 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 slip 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 Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6pm.**

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

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