

January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you about the **Preparing for GCSE Information Evening**, which takes place on **Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8.30pm**.

I do hope that all parents and carers will be able to attend this event, which is key in terms of providing you with the information to enable you to support your child and have an awareness of the demands that will be expected of them over the next two years.

The event begins in the Hall at 6pm with a presentation by Mr McShane and Ms Waring outlining the curriculum students follow in Year 10 and 11 and the 'Options Process' that allows students to choose courses which should allow them maximum enjoyment and opportunities for success. After this, subject teachers will be available to explain their particular courses and answer any individual questions that you may have.

Over the last couple of months we have worked with Year 9 students to introduce them to the options available and to support them in making informed decisions. I hope that your child has discussed this with you - if not, please talk with them about their options before the event. Please find enclosed your copy of the '**Your Choices Key Stage 4 2018**' booklet which provides information about all of the subjects available to study. Please look through this booklet with your child so that you are aware about the way courses are structured and assessed. You will also need to bring along this booklet to the Information Evening so you have the information about the courses on offer with you when you are visiting the different subject areas.

Options Forms will be made available at the Information Evening, which will need to be returned to the Academy by **Friday February 23rd 2018**.

If you have any further questions on the evening, or in the following days, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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