

19 January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Evening
Thursday 8th February 2018 – Alpha 6.00pm**

I would like to invite you to our annual Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Evening which takes place on **Thursday 8th February 2018 at 6.00pm**. Due to the number of pupils and parents/carers we are expecting to attend, the evening has been split into 2 sessions. It is important that you attend at the stated time above to avoid overcrowding. The evening will provide details for Year 9 parents and pupils regarding all aspects of College life at Key Stage 4. You will also receive vital information about options and progression relating to the subject choices available. **It is essential that all Year 9 pupils and parents/carers attend this important event. Please can you return the reply slip below by Friday 26th January to confirm that you are able to attend.**

As you may be aware the Government have made significant changes to the curriculum measures for schools and we have spent some time ensuring that our pupils are given the best possible “option menu” which will ensure their KS4 qualifications have the currency needed to move to the next stage of their study. The new Progress 8 and Attainment 8 measures which each pupil will be judged on will be explained in more detail on the evening.

A key part of the evening will be the chance for you and your child to talk to Key Stage 4 subject teachers. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about course content and possible routes through to further qualifications and employment. Please also remember that some of our core (compulsory) subjects in Years 10 and 11 also contain different course options so you may also wish to discuss this with Heads of Department and Key Stage 4 Co-ordinators.

To help with this important decision making process you will also receive a copy of our Key Stage 4 Course Guide. This contains detailed information about all subjects available for study at Key Stage 4 and is designed to give you a detailed overview of course content. The pack of information given out on the evening will also include an **Options Form which must be completed and returned to College by Monday 12th February.**

Key members of the Pastoral Team, the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and a Career Connect Adviser will also be available on the evening should you have any further questions. I am sure you will agree that this is an important milestone on your child’s educational journey and we are grateful for your support in this guidance and decision making process.