

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 9 Progress Evening & Options Information Evening – Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

I am writing to confirm the details of the above event which will run from 5pm – 8.30pm and will contain the usual appointments with subject teachers as well as launch the annual options process.

You will be making some extremely important decisions with your child regarding the GCSE courses they wish to study in years 10 and 11. As such, this is the perfect opportunity to discuss how your child is doing in all their subjects, and to take advice from teachers before beginning this process.

During the evening Mr Lehain and I will deliver a short presentation every half hour from 5pm – 8pm and this will outline the curriculum for all GCSE students, how the options process works and what will happen next. All students will be issued with a booklet detailing the different subjects available at GCSE, so please read this carefully with them prior to attending on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

This is an exciting time in your child's school career as it represents their first opportunity to have some real say in their own education, so you will understand that your attendance is essential. We will only be issuing the Options Request Form on the night, and choosing GCSEs can be a daunting thing for Year 9s so please ensure you are there to support your child. Feel free to attend whichever presentation suits you best and ensure you see all of your child's teachers on the evening. In addition to normal appointments senior members of staff will be available to answer any further questions you have.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to seeing all students and their families on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely



Mr P. Donald  
**Deputy Principal (Academic)**

