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TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 8

OPTION SUBJECTS IN YEAR 9: MEETING FOR PARENTS; Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Dear Parents/carers

As your son/daughter enters Year 9 next year, they will be embarking on their GCSE courses and therefore they need to choose some of the subjects which they wish to study. The meeting on 19th January will give you a brief overview of the curriculum as well as an opportunity to find out more about the option subjects your child is interested in. A schedule of the evening is included in this pack.

The curriculum consists of core subjects that all students study; English, Maths and Science as well as PE and the tutorial programme and a list of option subjects from which your child needs to choose four.

There are a number of restrictions regarding which subjects they are allowed to choose, the main one being that at least one of the following subjects has to be included in their selection:

History; Geography; French; Spanish

Full details of the choices available to your child along with a brief outline of each subject are in the enclosed Options Booklet. Also included in the pack is the option choices form which needs to be returned to your child's form tutor by **Friday 24th February 2017**.

The Connexions Personal Adviser for the school, Mr D Ransberger, as well as the school's Vocational Education Coordinator, Mr Goodman, will be available on the evening to discuss career ideas with students and how they may link to their chosen subjects.

Besides the information enclosed in the options booklet and the information that will be provided at the meeting on the 19th January, there is also a Year 8 Subject Parents Evening on Thursday 9th February where you can discuss your child's progress and suitability for possible subjects.

Please ensure the completed option choices form is submitted by **24th February**. Although every effort is taken to ensure that students are given their first choice options, this is not always possible and students must be prepared for this.

Should you have concerns on any aspect of the Key Stage 4 curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me. In any event I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19th January. The meeting will begin at 7.00pm promptly and it will be held in the Hall.

Yours sincerely

Paul Phillips
Assistant Headteacher