

January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

It is with pleasure that I extend to you a warm welcome to attend the **Year 9 Parents' Evening** which is to be held in the Main Hall on **Tuesday 23rd January 2018 from 17:00 to 19:30 hours** and I hope very much that you will be present to discuss your son's/daughter's work and general academic progress with his/her Form Tutor and subject teachers.

These are confidential discussions between staff, parents and pupils. Please do not ask others to represent you on this occasion.

Please note that it would be inappropriate to bring younger siblings along to this event; we trust by alerting you in good time you will be able to make any necessary childcare arrangements. **Pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 are encouraged to attend these occasions and to accompany their parents as they consult with staff. Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform.** Tea and coffee will be served.

If for any reason your child cannot attend, do ensure you know from your son or daughter which teachers they have for each subject, as this will make everything much smoother for you on arrival.

GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

In September, your son/daughter will embark on the suite of GCSEs in which he/she will be examined in 2020, and I am sure that he/she will discuss with you the contents of the booklet **Year 10 Choices 2018** to be issued to all Year 9 pupils in due course. Furthermore, I hope that one or both parents/carers and your son/daughter will be able to attend our **GCSE Options Evening** in the Main Hall on **Wednesday 7th February 2018 from 18:00 to 20:00 hours**. At this event, the Deputy Head (Academic) will talk to you all about some of the issues involved in making GCSE choices and the process taking place in School to assist your son/daughter. You will then have the opportunity to visit the different academic departments in School to chat with Subject Leaders and Heads of Faculty and also to visit Singleton House, our Sixth Form Centre, for refreshments and informal discussions with your son's/daughter's Form Tutor, Head of Year and Head of Careers. This being a formal event, let me ask that he/she wears school uniform.

For both events I should be grateful if you would let your son's/daughter's Form Tutor know if you will be attending, via email, preferably, to the relevant email address below, and by no later than Friday 19th January. For Parents' Evening, please could you indicate whether you will be arriving 17:00-17:30 or 17:30-18:00. Please note that arrival after 18:00 hours will not provide you with sufficient time to see all relevant members of staff.

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I look forward very much indeed to seeing you on both January 23rd and February 7th.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs CY Gammon