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Year 8 Parent and Option Choices Evening

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to invite you to the Year 8 Parents and Options evening on Thursday, 14th January 2010. This provides an ideal opportunity for you to speak with class teachers about the progress of your child in Year 8 and to discuss their option choices as they move into Year 9.

The evening will run from 5pm to 8pm and there will be opportunities for 5 minute appointments to be booked with subject staff who teach your child. Details of where staff are located will be available on the evening and students will be booking appointments from Monday, 4th January 2010.

During the evening there will also be presentations which will explain the new curriculum developments at Key Stage 4, the process of Year 8 students choosing option courses and the range of options available for Year 8. You will also have the opportunity to ask senior leaders any questions you may have about the options process.

We believe the process of students choosing what they learn, when and how they should be assessed should begin in year 9. It is because of this that we are offering access to options in year 9 which continues to personalise students learning journeys.

Presentations will run in the main hall from:-

5.00 - 5.30pm Parents & Carers of students in America & Asia

6.00 - 6.30pm Parents & Carers of students in Africa & Europe

7.00 - 7.30pm Repeat presentation

To help students make their choices they will receive an options choices information booklet in assembly on Monday, 4th January to take home. This will also be available on our school website. You will receive the option choices decision form on the evening of 14th January.

We look forward to seeing you in January; however, in the meantime if you have any questions please contact Miss Templar or Miss Gibbs.

Yours sincerely

J. Templar
Deputy Head