



Dear Parents/Carers,

9th December 2013

Re: Academic Review Day and Important Dates for Year 9 in 2014

The next few months are an important time for you and your child. Important decisions that will affect students' education and future career choices will need to be made. In order to help with this process, there will be a number of key events that will take place between now and March 2014. We would like parents/carers to make every effort to attend all meetings to ensure informed choices are made.

Monday 6th January 2014 – Academic Review Day

Parents/Carers are invited to Academic Review Day to hear information about the Options process and general GCSE information. Information will include:-

- *The Option process and deadlines
- *New GCSE subjects
- *GCSE exam courses which will start during Year 9
- *Preparing your child for the challenge of GCSE work
- *Changes to GCSE examinations and how this might affect your child

Parents/Carers should attend one 45 minute session with their child and child should attend in full school uniform. To accommodate parental working hours, we have organised sessions at various points throughout the day. The times for the sessions are: **8.15am, 1.00pm and 4.00pm. Please return the reply slip attached by Monday 16th December 2013 indicating the time that is most suitable for you. Please note that your child will only be required to be in school for their appointment.**

Also on Academic Review Day, your child will meet with their form tutor, either before or after the options talk in the canteen. This meeting will be in groups to discuss their grade sheets and the courses they are interested in. Parents/Carers are not required at the additional session.

Thursday 27th February 2014 – Year 9 Parents' Evening

All parents/carers are expected to attend this evening as it is where you will receive invaluable information about your child's progress and their suitability for particular courses. It is important that you attend with your child.

Wednesday 5th March – PSHE Day

Students and parents/carers will meet with their form tutor to discuss their final choices. As this is a very important decision, we would really like you to attend. During this meeting, final Option choices will be made and forms will be handed in. If you are unable to attend, please send your child in with their Options form completed and signed. We expect 100% attendance from the students on this day.

We hope by the end of this process you will be equipped with the relevant knowledge needed to make informed decisions. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Rahul Patel

Head of Year 9



Please return this slip no later than Monday 16th December 2013 to your child's form tutor.

Student Name: Form:

1) I shall / shall not be able to attend the Academic Review Day on Monday 6th January 2014.

Preferred time slot for talk with Mr Patel (please circle one):

8am 1pm 4pm

If you are unable to attend this date, please give a reason:

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Parent/Carer signature:

2) I shall / shall not be able to attend the Parents' Evening on Thursday 27th February 2014.

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3) I shall / shall not be able to attend the PSHE day on Wednesday 5th March 2014.

Preferred time to meet with the form teacher (please circle one):

8am 9am 10am 11am 12.00 1pm 2pm 3pm

If you are unable to attend this date, please give a reason:

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