

Our Ref: BTD/TRS

16th January 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Re. Year 8 Parents' Evening and Subject & Careers Information Evening

I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming parents' evening on **Wednesday 29th January**. The evening will begin at **4.00pm** and finish at **7.00pm**.

In addition to the usual opportunity to talk to your child's teachers, this evening is an important part of the options process. **There will be three 15-20 minute presentations taking place in the lecture theatre at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm.** These sessions will be delivered by Mr Davis (College Leader) and I, and will provide clarity on the process of students opting for their higher specialisms.

Mr Davis and I will also be available throughout the evening for you to ask any questions regarding this process.

Alongside these presentations, subject teachers from new higher subjects will have a stall outside the Sixth Form Centre for the duration of the evening and be available to answer any questions that you or your child may have.

All children took part in a higher options taster day on Tuesday 17th December, which we hope gave them a flavour of what studying these courses would be like. This consisted of 30-minute introductions to each of the higher options available to students that they have had no exposure to throughout years 7 and 8.

Please use this evening as an opportunity to speak to teachers of the subjects that your child is considering opting for. Your child will then meet with their College Leader during the first two weeks after half term to confirm their options (24th February – 6th March).

Your child will be able to make appointments with their teachers and record these timings in the Parents' evening section of their planners. Your child's tutor will support them in this process, please direct any specific question to them in the first instance.

This is an important time for your child and we want to support you as much as possible in these decisions.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Butler
Principal