

January 2012

To all Year 9 Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening: Choices at 14
Thursday 26 January 2012 from 6.30pm starting with a Presentation in the Main Hall**

As you are aware your son/daughter is currently in Year 9 and this term he/she will have the opportunity to make his/her subject preferences for Key Stage 4. To inform this process, I invite you to our **Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening: Choices at 14 on Thursday 26 January 2012**, where there will be an opportunity for you to talk to our team of subject teachers who will be on hand to give you more detailed information about the courses on offer, after a short Presentation at 6.30pm in the Main Hall. We aim to distribute our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide: Choices at 14 in hard copy to pupils on Tuesday 24 January. It will also be available as a PDF file on our website and through iDeer where additional information and guidance will be available.

There will be a further opportunity to talk to your child's subject teachers at our **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 9 February 2012** before confirming his or her final preferences online on iDeer and returning the signed confirmation by Tuesday 21 February 2012.

As you are aware, pupils in Year 9 at Deer Park start all of their Key Stage 4 courses in June when they will 'move up' to Year 10. Our pupils therefore have two full years in which to make good progress in Key Stage 4.

Although there are no longer Key Stage 3 SATs in English, Maths and Science, I assure you that teachers have continued to prepare your son/daughter for our 'end of Key Stage' assessments to validate Teacher assessments, promote effective revision strategies and give the pupils formal exam experience prior to Key Stage 4. **I confirm that in English these will take place on Wednesday 14 March and Friday 16 March. In Science these will take place on Tuesday 20 March and in Maths these will take place on Tuesday 27 March and Thursday 29 March.** In each of the core subjects, teachers are continually assessing pupils' progress and developing the skills required for future controlled assessments/coursework.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 26 January 2012.

Yours sincerely

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