

8 January 2019

To all Year 9 Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening: Choices at 14 on Thursday 24 January 2019 from 6.00pm 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 24 January 2019**, 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 introductory presentation about the options process at 6.00pm in the Main Hall. Upon arrival you will receive a copy of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide: Choices at 14. This 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 7 February 2019** before confirming his or her final preferences online on iDeer and returning the signed confirmation by **Tuesday 12 February 2019**.

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 from Tuesday 4 June 2019. Our pupils will therefore have two full years in which to make good progress in Key Stage 4 before sitting their GCSEs in May/June 2021.

The new GCSE qualifications which have been introduced over the last two years place much more emphasis on final exams and less on coursework. To support pupils in preparation for Key Stage 4 we will continue to assess your son/daughter through written assessments and practice exams during the remainder of Year 9, to promote effective revision strategies and to give the pupils exam experience prior to sitting their formal GCSE exams.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 24 January 2019 for this important Curriculum Evening.

Yours sincerely

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