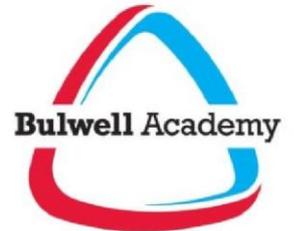


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Dear Parent / Carer



Year 8 Parents & Options Evening, Thursday 23 March 2017, 4.00 – 7.00 pm

I am writing to invite you to the Parents & Options Evening on Thursday 23 March. This is a very important part of the options process where your child will be selecting the subjects to be studied for the next three years.

At this event you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet with your child's subject teachers for confidential discussions about his/her studies
- Speak with subject leaders and teachers to find out more about each course
- Meet with experienced Senior Leaders who can provide advice to support your choices
- Help your child to plan for success – meeting with our careers team and specialist careers adviser who is on hand to help

Parents tell us that attending early evening meetings is not always possible due to child care and mealtimes. With this in mind, we are trying to help by organising a crèche and supper service. Hot dogs and chips will be available to buy from our restaurant as well as the usual supplies of free tea and biscuits.

To help you with the process of selecting options, I have attached our options booklet which will give you details about each of the courses that your child can choose to study at the start of Year 9. All the information you need is on our website and which also directs you towards lots of sources of careers information.

There are lots of changes to GCSE and BTEC (Level 2) qualifications taking place at the moment and we are still awaiting confirmation from the Department of Education about some BTEC courses. We will offer Level 2 qualifications in the subjects outlined in our booklet for as long as sufficient numbers of students wish to study them. It may be that we decide to offer a slightly different course which may offer a more appropriate curriculum to meet your child's needs. If you need to discuss this further, we invite you to meet with our senior leaders who will be on hand to explain the current changes and to ensure you are fully aware of how these may impact on your child's final qualifications.

When your child has decided on his/her subject choices, you will need to complete the Options Application Form attached. This should be returned to your child's Form Tutor **no later than Thursday 30 March**. Some subjects can be extremely popular and fill very quickly so it is important that application forms returned as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Kelly
Head of Year 8