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Dear Parent / Carer



**Year 8 Parents' & Options Evening, Wednesday 2 May 2018, 4.00 – 7.00 pm**

I am writing to invite you to the Year 8 Parents' & Options Evening on Wednesday 2 May 2018. 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 their 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 child's choices*
- *Help to plan for success – meeting with our careers team and a specialist careers adviser who is on hand to help*

To help you with the process of selecting options, our **Study Options booklet** is attached which outlines details about each of the courses that your child can choose to study at the start of Year 9. Further details are available on our website which also directs you towards lots of sources of useful careers information.

When Elijah has decided on 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 Wednesday 9 May.** Some subjects can be extremely popular and fill very quickly so it is important that application forms are returned as soon as possible.

Also enclosed is your child's school report, which you should share with him/her. Please celebrate all achievements and ask for further information if there are any negatives that you do not understand. You will find these details on the ClassCharts site and, again, if you need help accessing this please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor.

A crèche will be available at Parents' Evening where you can leave young siblings with trained professionals, and we will be providing a supper service of hot dogs and chips for a small charge, as well as the usual supplies of free tea and biscuits.

Finally, we are celebrating some tremendous achievements this term, which are highlighted in the attached newsletter, please look through at your leisure and let us know what you think.

We thank you for your continued support and your child's year manager, Mr Elland, teachers, members of the Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to seeing you on 2 May.

Yours sincerely

**Mr R. Derry**  
**Senior Vice Principal**

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