



Headteacher: Niamh Arnall

6th February, 2019

Dear Parents,

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening

As you are aware, your sons have been considering which subjects they would like to pursue in addition to the common core in their next three years of compulsory education. We would like parents to be actively involved in these important choices so that the best decisions can be made by the students. There are many factors which need to be taken into account when making these decisions. These include:

- The enjoyment and relative success that your son experiences in different subject areas
- Future career ambitions and progression pathways
- The need for curriculum balance and for a GCSE loading which matches the ability profile of your son

To help with your deliberations we have arranged for a **Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening on Thursday 28th February in the Hall**. We do hope that you will be able to attend.

The evening will start with a short presentation, and you are invited to one of two sessions, depending on the form group of your son:

- For parents of students in **8 Bampfield, 8 Bourne and 8 Feckenham**, the presentation will begin at 6.30 p.m.
- For parents of students in **8 Fisher, 8 Challoner and 8 More**, the presentation will begin at 7.15 p.m.

From 6.45 p.m., Curriculum Leaders and their representatives will be available and you will have the opportunity to ask general questions about what their subjects entail and speak to them about the suitability of this option for your son. In addition, the pastoral team will be on hand to give further advice and guidance. To ensure that all parents have sufficient opportunity to discuss options with as many departments as possible, we would ask that parents and students from 8 Fisher, 8 Challoner and 8 More start their visits to departments from 6.45 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. prior to their presentation commencing. Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it, via your son's Form Tutor, if you are **unable** to attend.

You will be provided with an explanatory booklet and options choice form listing the subjects available and I would ask you to send in the **completed form to me via the Parental Returns Box by Friday 22nd March at the latest**. This will give us the opportunity to sort out any problems arising, to consider difficult cases carefully and to make the necessary arrangements for next year's timetable as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Murphy

Sue Murphy
Assistant Headteacher

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Son's Name Form

I/we will not be able to attend the **Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening on Thursday 28th February**.

Signed Parent/Guardian