



15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 8 GCSE Options Information Evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 6pm - 8pm**

You are warmly invited to attend the **Year 8 GCSE Options Evening on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.**

As you will no doubt be aware, the decision that your child is about to make is crucial, since it will determine their course of study for their GCSE and BTEC courses over the next three years. This will be an important opportunity for you and your child to get some advice that will help to guide their choices in order to ensure that he/she chooses the courses that will suit them best.

On this evening, there will be a brief presentation in the main hall at 6pm and again at 7pm, you will also be able to speak with subject leaders about the demands and content of their GCSE and BTEC courses. There will be the opportunity to consult with a careers advisor and take part in career webinars throughout the evening regarding future career paths and Post 16 college options. Mr Curran, the options and pathways co-ordinator has already sent information out regarding access to online resources.

I have also attached to this letter an example of the GCSE options form. Please familiarise yourself with the form, as this will be similar to the one which the students use. It will also be included in the options booklet which will be available on the options evening.

Finally, if you are attending the Parents Evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, you are more than welcome to ask myself and any member of staff questions regarding GCSE/BTEC options.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Pittaway', with a large flourish at the end.

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