



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

12th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING AND OPTION CHOICES EVENING

You are invited to Parents Evening/Option Choices Evening on Tuesday 23rd January between 4:30pm and 7:00pm to discuss your child's progress and consider which options your child would like to study for GCSE.

The evening will have a different format to a normal parents' evening. Miss Burras, Deputy Headteacher, will be giving you important information about the Y9 options process. This will take the form of a 20 minute presentation in the Auditorium and there will be two opportunities to attend, either at 4.30pm or at 5.45pm. It is essential that you attend one of these sessions as this will provide you with the necessary information about the options process and various pathways available at KS4 to help you to support your child in making his/her choices. You will also be given the Y9 options booklet at this time which gives details of each options subject, the options timeline and support available for parents and students. Please select the session you wish to attend on the attached reply sheet and ensure that your child does not make any appointments during this time.

In addition, the evening is an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic progress with their teachers. All students should make appointments for Maths, English, Science, RE, History and Geography but should only make appointments for other subject areas if they are considering choosing them as a GCSE option next year. Your appointment slot will last approximately five minutes per teacher. A five minute gap between each appointment is advised to help avoid overlap and maintain a smooth running of the evening.

There will be additional information in the Sports Hall which will give you more of an idea about what each option subject entails and a Careers Adviser will also be available to answer any questions you may have about post-16 pathways and future careers. We have already arranged for your child to meet with the Careers Adviser on Thursday 18th January or Friday 19th January in small groups during the school day to start to discuss their career aspirations.

Should you wish your son/daughter to come along with you, please would you ensure that he/she remains with you throughout the evening and is dressed in full school uniform. To maintain a calm and purposeful atmosphere, we request that all other children (brothers/sisters etc) do not attend the evening.

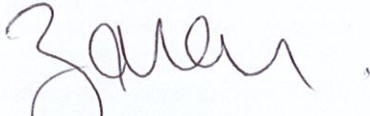
If you have a particular problem that you would like to discuss at length or wish to see a teacher who is not available, please contact school and we will make additional arrangements. Please note that this is an opportunity to discuss academic progress with subject teachers; pastoral information required from the Head of Year must be arranged separately to this evening.

If you do have to cancel for any reason, please telephone the office as soon as possible. **Please take note that high heels and stilettos may not be worn due to the nature of the sports hall floor.**



Please complete and return the attached reply slip to your child's Form Tutor by Tuesday 17th January and indicate which Options Presentation you would like to attend. Your child will then receive an appointment sheet. Please arrive 10 minutes before the Options presentation or your first appointment in order to complete the 'Climate Survey' which measures the levels of satisfaction of parents for a range of criteria.

Yours sincerely



Miss H Baron
Head of Year 9
DG/HBa

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Name of pupil: _____ Form: _____

I/We will/ will not be able to attend the Parents Evening/Option Choices Evening on Tuesday 23rd January 2018

I/We would like to attend the Options Presentation at: **4.30pm*** **5.45pm*** (please circle)

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____