



Dear parents and carers,

### Year 8 Options Evening

As you are aware, students in Year 8 select the options they wish to take from year 9 onwards. As part of this options process, we hold an options evening for parents and carers. This will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 4.00 – 6.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity for both you and your child to speak to Subject leaders and teachers from all areas of the Curriculum. This will enable them to gain valuable information about the variety of subjects on offer at Key stage 4 at the Academy. Our careers team will also be available to talk to any students and parents who may wish to discuss possible career pathways and suitable qualifications.

In addition, there will be two short talks given in the hall – one at 4.30pm and a second at 5.30pm. These talks will explain the Academy's Pathway and target setting system as well as information on the options process.

It was our original intention to open the options selection window immediately after this Options evening, however we have taken the decision to delay the selection until January 2019. This is partly because of feedback received on the initial timescale. After options evening, your child will experience subject specific assemblies and the opportunity to meet with their College Leader or Assistant College Leader, to be able to ensure that they make the best choices.

Following options evening, please discuss with your child the subjects they wish to study at Key stage 4 and encourage them to approach subject leaders and teachers with any further questions they may have before the options selection process begins.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping our students at this important time and we look forward to seeing on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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