

4th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Options / Parents Evening Thursday 16th March 2017, 5:00 – 8:00pm

We are hosting a Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 16th March where the option choices available can be discussed with you and your child. School uniform does not have to be worn. Please enter the Academy via the Main Reception doors and sign at the separate college tables. The purpose of the evening is to:

- give you information and advice about Key Stage 4 options
- provide you with the opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress with her/his current subject teachers (note – not the teachers doing the presentations)

There will be three presentations for everyone in the Lecture Theatre at **5.15pm**, **6.15pm** and at **7.15pm** to explain the process in more detail. You will not be able to enter the Lecture Theatre once the presentation has started and you will have to attend the next one.

Following this, and throughout the evening, you will also have the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers on a one-to-one basis. Most of these appointments will take place in the Apollo College building. An appointment system has been sent with a separate covering letter for your son/daughter to make appointments on your behalf. It would be helpful if you could start making appointments with the staff you wish to see on the evening as soon as possible.

Nine of the subjects on offer from Year 9 may be unfamiliar to you. Therefore we will also be running short workshops on each of these subjects. Each workshop will last for approximately fifteen minutes including time for questions. You will have the opportunity to attend up to five of these during the course of the evening.

A copy of the Options Booklet will be sent home via ParentMail shortly for you to read. It is full of information on each of the courses on offer to your son/daughter. It will also be available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you at this very important event and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Dedross
Assistant Principal

New Subject Workshops

Subject	Teacher	Workshop Location
Engineering	Mr J Newsum	Rooms M04
Business, Travel & Tourism & Financial Studies	Mr M Hellyer & Ms Salih	Rooms M12
ICT	Mr T Reffold	Room M01
Health & Social Care & Citizenship	Mrs Stevens & Miss Hathon	Room M15

A workshop for each of the above courses will run five times during the course of the evening. Each will start at the times stated below and will last approximately **15 minutes**. Decide which ones you would like to attend and try to book your subject teachers appointments around these times.

Workshop session 1 5.45pm

Workshop session 3 6.45pm

Workshop session 2 6.30pm

Workshop session 4 7.30pm

Subject teachers are available in the following rooms throughout the evening to discuss the progress of your daughter/son:

Faculty	Rooms
Careers	Apollo Lower Plaza
Science	Rooms A01, A02 and A03
Maths	Rooms M09 and M10
English	Rooms A13 and A14
Technology	Minerva Lower Plaza

Faculty	Rooms
Horticulture	Apollo Lower Plaza
MFL	Rooms A08 and A09
Humanities	Rooms A16 and A17
PE	Library
Drama, Art and Music	Library

Our additional support (SEN) staff will be available in the Library.