

September 2021

Dear Parents of Year 9

We are writing to you to invite you to a new evening we have included on the school calendar this year. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm – 7.00pm we will be holding a welcome to GCSE's evening. An evening that we hope you will find informative and also enable you to have an opportunity to meet staff in school, an opportunity we know has been missing for quite some time.

The evening will consist of a 15-minute presentation in the hall, from myself, explaining how GCSEs and BTECs work, the grade system in place and how we will monitor progress over the next 3 years. You will then have a short presentation from Mrs Bishop explaining the pastoral support available and, as an experienced KS4 Head of Year, her top tips for coping with the journey up to the end of Year 11. Once Mrs Bishop has finished we will invite you to visit the Curriculum Leaders for the different subjects your child has chosen for KS4. Our Curriculum Leaders will be able to give you information and answer any specific questions about how best to support your child through their qualifications.

This is the first large scale in school event we have held since the start of the pandemic. In line with government guidance we would ask you not to attend if you are exhibiting any COVID symptoms. Once in school masks are optional, if you feel safer wearing one the please do. Finally, there will not be any social distancing measures in place.

If you intend to attend this event, can we please ask you confirm your attendance online through the parents evening booking system on schoolcloud, as you would during a regular parents evening. If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in contact with the school.

Yours faithfully



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