



September 2018

To Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 11 Information Evening**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 6.30pm**

We are pleased to invite you to our forthcoming Year 11 Information Evening.

As you will be aware, following the first sitting of the new, 'reformed' GCSEs in the majority of subjects this summer, your son/daughter is a member of the second national cohort to sit the full suite of reformed GCSE examinations. These are very different to their predecessors, the 'legacy' GCSEs taken by older brothers/sisters, so the significant changes in content and assessment mean that preparing for, and taking, GCSE examinations is now very different. As a result, we hope that even if you have already supported children through Year 11, you will be able to attend this evening as we explain the following:

- **Reformed GCSEs: the context and implications**  
*How are the reformed GCSE courses different? What have we learned from the first sitting of the reformed GCSE examinations in Summer 2018? How did the 9-1 grading system work in 2018?*
- **Post-16 Learning Pathways**  
*What are the options for post-16 study and how does the application system work for September 2019 entry?*
- **How to succeed in Year 11**  
*Learning from the experiences of the Summer 2018 cohort, what is the most effective way for students to prepare for the reformed GCSE examinations? How can parents/carers help? What support will the school provide?*

The above sessions will be led by members of the Academy's Senior Leadership Team and it is anticipated that the knowledge gained about the requirements and demands of the new GCSE examinations will enable you to support your child as effectively as possible over the next three very important terms in their education. We thus hope you will attend with your son/daughter on this very important evening and would be grateful if you could assist our planning for the event by returning the reply slip below by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Brandreth  
Principal

Mrs M Yates  
Learning Leader: Year 11



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## YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

- \* I am / We are able to attend the Information Evening.  
(Please state number of people who will be attending)
- \* I am / We are unable to attend the Information Evening.

*\* Please delete as appropriate.*

Signature (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please return to your child's Form Tutor by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October***



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