



12 October 2017

Dear Parent /Carer

Re: Key Stage 4 Options 2017-18

I am writing to all parents/carers of pupils in Year 9 to keep you informed of our on-going work as an 11-16 school and our plans for the option selection process for your children.

Alongside secondary schools across the country, we are currently adapting to the new GCSE system introduced by the government. Current Year 11 pupils are studying the new curriculum in most subjects and current Year 10 pupils are studying the new curriculum in all subjects. Consequently, all GCSE grades for current Year 9 pupils will be numerical rather than alphabetical. As mentioned, this process is being undertaken by all secondary schools in the country.

To date, we have offered a very broad and balanced GCSE curriculum to pupils, as we believe that this is in their best interests. This supports academic achievement, as well as our ethos that pupils should be taught to 'learn to live life to the full'. For this reason, we are going to run our options process, for current Year 9 pupils, after the Christmas break. This is in line with the rest of the country. As we are now an all-through school, there is no need to apply for a place in Year 10 in September 2018. All current Year 9 pupils have a guaranteed place at Brockington College for Key Stage 4 and we are expecting all pupils to stay with us to complete their GCSEs, as we were an 11-16 at the time that the pupils started in Year 7.

Whilst some parents/carers will have older children who have been through our options process, we are aware that for some parents/carers this will be the first time. We are also aware that some parents/carers may not be aware of the curriculum changes that have taken place or have specific knowledge of our GCSE curriculum. Consequently, we would like to invite parents/carers only to a short presentation about our Key Stage 4 curriculum, with the aim of explaining the national picture and the options process at Brockington. This Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening will take place on Wednesday 25th October from 6.00 pm -7.00 pm.

As we move closer to the selection of options, pupils will receive information about curriculum choices through a series of assemblies and presentations. Please be assured that following our evening in October and after the Year 9 Consultation Evening on Wednesday 6 December, as well as the Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 10 January 2018, you and your child will be able to have meaningful conversations about their future and their option choices.



If you would like to attend the information evening, please return the attached reply slip by Monday 23 October so that we can organise seating. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 25 October.

Yours sincerely



Clare Darby
Vice Principal

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To: Miss Darby, via School Reception by Monday 23 October 2017

Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening Wednesday 25 October 2017

I/We* will/will not* be attending the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening for parents/carers.

Please reserve _____ seats for the evening.

Signed: Date:

Parent/Carer of: Tutor Group:

**Please delete as appropriate*