



John Mason School

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Headteacher: Sarah Brinkley

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 and 9 Options Process

We are about to commence the Year 8 and 9 Options process and wanted to give you advance notice of the relevant key dates for your diary. As you may know, the core subjects of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science are compulsory, but students choose three or four other subjects to study during Years 9, 10 and 11. It is important that these courses are selected carefully, to suit students' learning style, skills and future ambitions.

On Wednesday 11th January, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm, there will be an Options Evening for Year 8 and 9 students and their parents/carers. There will be two talks, one for each year group explaining the Options process in the Hall. Year 8 is scheduled at 6:00pm and Year 9 at 6.45pm. In addition, teachers and subject leaders will be attending the evening and will be available to talk to you about the content, skills and assessment processes of all the different subjects on offer, so that you and your son or daughter can be thoroughly informed in selecting the courses that suit them best. A booklet with information on the Choices process and information about the courses on offer will also be available on the night.

Other key dates for your diary:

Year 8 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 18th January

Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8th February

Deadline for **returning Options Forms**

Year 8 (provisional choices) Friday 3rd February

Year 9 Monday 20th February.

Careers interviews/consultations with Terry Bianchini, our careers adviser, can be arranged via your child's tutor or by emailing terrybianchini@adviza.org.uk.

Please complete and return the slip below to your child's form tutor so that we can estimate numbers for the Options Evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Munro
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs A Sissons
Head of Year 8

Mrs A Prior
Head of Year 9

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Please return to your child's form tutor.

Year 8 and 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 11th January 2017

Name of Student: Form:

I/We shall/shall not be attending the Options Evening on Wednesday 11 January 2017.

Signature (Parent/Carer)No. of seats reqd:.....