

RTA/JRA

March 2016

## **Y9 GCSE Preferences**

- You are invited to attend a short meeting for parents on Tuesday 22 March 2016, at which the GCSE Preferences process will be explained. This will take place in The Cripps Hall Theatre starting at 7.00 pm.
- Your son will be issued with a booklet, which explains the Preferences process and gives an outline of each course available. Please take time to discuss this with him. These details are also available via the school website.
- I will have also met, by 22 March, with the students, during an assembly to explain the Preferences process to them. Thus it is not essential that they attend the evening session with you.
- At the evening, following a presentation in the Theatre, you will have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and about the implications of expressing your son's preferences.
- Naomi Shaeffer, our Careers Adviser, will also be present.
- Please remember that the Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Parents should seek appointments with all subject teachers. GCSEs are offered in all subject areas studied in Year 9 other than Citizenship and Guidance. This includes GCSE Dance, GCSE Computer Science and GCSE PE. At the Parents' Evening you will be able to discuss your son's progress and will also receive impartial advice and guidance from his subject teachers. The focus of this evening is on your son's attainment and progress in each subject. The Preferences process will be explained on 22 March.
- Completed Preferences forms must be returned to your son's Form Tutor by Friday 22 April 2016. We intend to allocate students to their preferences so that several subjects can commence the KS4 programme of study after the May holiday.
- Please park in the Cripps Hall car park if possible. As many parents will be attending we anticipate you may experience problems parking and therefore suggest you allow extra time to park and make your way to The Cripps Hall.

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