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Dear Year 9 Parents/Guardians,

GCSE Options Evening: Wednesday 24th January 2018

Next September, your daughter will commence Key Stage 4 and in this regard you will be asked to specify which GCSE subjects your daughter would definitely like to study in addition to the Core Curriculum.

During this week they have had an introduction to KUDOS which is a career development website aimed at young people aged 13-19. This will help them choose subjects which give them the broadest range of opportunities so they can progress into careers that they are interested in.

The options selection process will continue on Monday 8th January 2018 with an options information assembly for the students. At this assembly they will receive an options information booklet which will contain comprehensive information about the curriculum content of each subject studied in the Core Curriculum, as well as those offered as Option Choices. During the following two weeks, your daughter will then have an informal consultation with a member of the Senior Management Staff at Presdales to discuss her subject preferences. I have attached year 9 options calendar with all the relevant dates.

In addition, we will hold a **GCSE Options Evening** to which you and your daughter are invited. This will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 24th January 2018**, commencing at **7.00pm** in the Hall, with a presentation at which the curriculum structure and option process will be explained. Thereafter you will be able to discuss your daughter's Option Choices with subject staff who will be in attendance up to 9.00pm in departmental rooms to help you in your decisions.

For the sake of clarity, the GCSE Options Evening will **not** replace the Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting which will take place, as planned, on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

I hope that you will be able to attend the GCSE Options Evening and look forward to meeting with you at that time.

Yours sincerely,

J Stephenson
DHT Curriculum



language
colleges



music colleges



Maths &
Computing



DATE:	EVENT:	
Week commencing Monday 27th November	Careers sessions	Use of Kudos in form times
Monday 8 th January	Special Year Assembly in the Lecture Theatre	Option Booklet and Option Indication Letters given out
Wednesday 10 th January to Friday 19 th January	Futures Meetings	Discussion of Student Option Choices with Senior Management Staff
Week commencing Monday 15 th January		Second report issued to parents (TPB)
Wednesday 24 th January	GCSE Options Evening With Parents	Discuss Option and Core GCSE subjects with Teaching Staff
Tuesday 30 th January		Parents' Consultation Meeting
Friday 2 nd February		Return Deadline for Option Indication Forms
Thursday 8 th February	Year Assembly in the Lecture Theatre	Option Blocks and Final Option Choice Letters given out
Tuesday 20 th February		Return Deadline for Final Option Choice Forms