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Re: Year 8 Preferences Evening

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to invite you to attend our Year 8 Preferences Evening which will be taking place on Tuesday 28th February 2017. This event will begin at 5pm and will end at 7pm. This evening will be an opportunity for you to learn about the Preferences process and recent changes to GCSE qualifications nationally, to collect your daughter's Preference Booklet and Preferences Form and to speak with subject specialists to find out about our broad curriculum offer at Sydenham School.

It is important that every student is represented by an adult on this evening. There will not be a further opportunity to receive this important information and documentation that is required to ensure your daughter's smooth transition to KS4. Therefore, if you are unable to attend please try to make arrangements for another adult to come in your place. As the evening is centred on important choices for their futures, all Year 8 students are expected to attend.

The evening will start promptly at 5PM in the Main School Hall. Students and parents will collect their Preferences Booklet and Choices Forms from the sign-in desk and then make their way to the Main School Hall where they will learn about the process of completing the forms.

The remainder of the evening (which will end at 7PM) will be similar to an Open Evening. Parents will go on a self-directed tour around the building, visiting subject areas, and talking with staff and existing students about the courses on offer.

We hope that by the end of the evening you will feel as a family that you have all of the information you need to go away with and make an informed choice about your daughter's KS4 journey prior to returning your completed Preferences Form by Friday 10th March 2017. We will of course support you in any way that we can and members of the KS3 Leadership team will be available to respond to any questions that you may have following the event.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 28th February 2017.

Kind regards

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