



SYDENHAM SCHOOL

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Re: Year 8 Information Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to invite you to attend the Year 8 information evening on **Tuesday 29th November 2016**. This meeting will take place in the Main School Hall and will begin at **6pm**. This academic year is crucial for year 8 students as they will begin to prepare to choose their GCSE options. It is therefore important that parents are aware of the timeline of support that students will have leading up to February when their choices will be made.

You may also be aware of the recent changes that have been made across the board in the secondary curriculum. All subjects have been affected and so the way that students are monitored and assessed has had to be adjusted. We will talk you through the Assessment without Levels policy so that you have a clear understanding of how your daughters are progressing in each subject and be clear about how to support them.

I strongly encourage all parents to attend so you are able to gain a clear insight into the options process and how you can support your daughter on her learning journey so that she is able to study the courses she wants to at GCSE level.

I'd like to take the time to thank all parents and carers for their support and commitment to your daughter's learning. There will be an opportunity for you to meet your daughter's teachers and find out how she is performing in each subject in the new year at the Year 8 Parents' Evening.

In the meantime if you have concerns or questions please feel free to contact me via email on the following address: s.james@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk or on the main school number.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Regards,

Ms S Reid

Year 8 Learning Coordinator