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Dear Parents

Year 11 Mock GCSE Results Day

Year 11 pupils will soon have a foretaste of summer when they take part in a mock GCSE Results Day. On Thursday 19 January they will be handed the subject grades attained in the recent mock examinations in sealed envelopes, to replicate GCSE results day. Overall, the results are encouraging and this will be a good news day for most of our pupils. Following special assemblies, various small groups will be offered personalised support which reflects outcomes attained. Some pupils will have meetings with senior staff to review their results and make action plans for improvement.

Year 8 Options

Options Fair

An options fair for Year 8 pupils will take place during the school day on Monday 16 January. Year 8 will have the opportunity to meet older pupils already studying the various KS4 courses and to ask questions of the learners themselves.

Thursday 19 January: Year 8 Options Information Meetings for Parents and Pupils, 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Letters to parents, recommending one of three pathways for studies at Key Stage 4, will be given to Year 8 pupils in the coming weeks. Information meetings for Year 8 parents and pupils about options will be held in the School Hall on **Thursday 19 January**. The first meeting, at 5.00pm, will be for parents of pupils recommended for Pathway 1 (Nine GCSEs, including Combined Science, and a vocational course). A second meeting for parents of pupils recommended for Pathway 2 (10 GCSEs including GCSE Combined Science) and Pathway 3 (11 GCSEs including GCSE Triple Science) will take place at 7.00pm. (Please note the different start times.) These occasions will provide an opportunity to find out more about courses on offer and to discuss which of these may be best suited to your child.

Options Booklet 2017

A booklet setting out details of each core and option subject and a Directed Choices form will be issued to Year 8 pupils on Tuesday 24 January.

Wednesday 1 February: Year 8 Parents' Evening, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

This is an opportunity for Year 8 parents to meet with their children's subject teachers. Senior staff and the teachers who will be delivering KS4 courses will be available to discuss curriculum choices with parents and pupils on that occasion.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16 January Year 8 Options Fair
Thursday 19 January Year 8 KS4 Options Evening for Parents
Tuesday 31 January Years 9 & 10 Vaccinations
Wednesday 1 February Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Thursday 2 February Issue of Progress Reports for Pupils in Years 7, 9 & 11
Thursday 9 February Year 11 Poetry Live, Leeds Town Hall
Friday 10 February School Closes for Half Term
Saturday 11 February Ski Trip (until Saturday 18)

Yours sincerely



E A Cox
Headteacher

