



24 February 2010

NEXT STEPS

Year 9 OPTIONS EVENINGS – KS3 TO KS4

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The **Year 9 Options Evening** takes place on **Thursday 25th February 2010 starting at 6.30 p.m.** This is a very important event and will help you to support your child with their Option Choices.

At 6.30 p.m. there will be a short presentation about the procedures for Options Choices and an outline of the various courses on offer. There will then be an opportunity to discuss subject choices with teachers.

Year 9 Options and Academic Review with Progress Reports

This will be on **Wednesday, 10th March 2010**. Arranged by appointment during the day and evening. Your appointment will be notified to you in due course. This appointment is an opportunity to discuss progress in KS3 and your chosen subjects in order to ensure a suitable and balanced KS4 curriculum.

- Have you considered what you would like to do in the future?
- Do you know which subjects you want to select for your chosen career path?
- Are the subjects you are considering the most appropriate for you?

When considering your Year 10 courses, have you:

- ✓ Talked with your parents?
- ✓ Talked to teachers of that subject?
- ✓ Researched the relevance of that subject to your chosen occupation?
- ✓ Made an appointment with a Connexions Personal Adviser?

Be honest with yourself about your strengths and difficulties. Choose subjects relevant to any future career you may have in mind and ones which you find interesting. If you are unsure about a career path at this point, keep as many options open as you can, choosing a broad spectrum of subjects.

You must ensure that you know what qualifications you require to enter the career of your choice. The subjects your friends choose and the teachers you may have are not relevant to the very important decision **you** must make.

If you are in any doubt, please ask the staff questions and seek advice from as many sources as possible. If you would like a consultation with a Connexions PA, please put your name in the Connexions box in reception.

The deadline for your Options form to be returned to your FORM TUTOR is FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2010.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**MR M BARRETT
HEAD OF LEARNING YEAR 9**