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Dear families

Over the course of this academic year, you will receive regular feedback and advice about your child's progress. This feedback includes: Parents' Evenings, Advisor phone calls home, and one academy report delivered by your child to their Dream Team in the summer. This is in addition to comments in your child's planner and conversations you may have with academy staff throughout the year. We believe that providing you with meaningful and regular feedback about your child's successes and next steps is invaluable and strengthens our positive relationships.

**Parents Evening**

The Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 5 February from 4.20pm until 7.00pm. Although you are not expected to stay for the complete duration of this evening, you will be expected to be at the academy for approximately 1.5 hours. This Parents' Evening will provide you with the opportunity to speak with your child's subject teachers about your child's overall progress, attainment and behaviour.

As you are aware, we always try to ensure these events run as smoothly as possible and we will endeavour to meet with you at your allotted appointment time. However, we would appreciate your patience if any of the appointments overrun.

**Year 9 Introduction to Option Subjects**

This year, your child will select the subjects they would like to continue to study for their GCSEs. One of the most important forms of support in the process of selecting GCSE subjects, is the advice of family members. To support you in helping your child make informed decisions, a talk will take place on Thursday 5 February; first at 4.30pm and then repeated 5.45pm. During this talk, families will receive information about the subjects that students select, in addition to their core GCSEs. Students will be asked to select two option subjects and select to continue to study either History or Geography. Guidance will be provided on permissible combinations and how to complete the options form correctly. Families are encouraged to consider their child's interests, strengths, and future aspirations when making these choices. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to speak with senior leaders, and an options booklet will be provided for you and your child to take home to support decision making.

Please prompt your child to book appointments with their teachers for a time that is suitable for you, alongside allowing 45 minutes for you to attend one of the 'Introduction to Option Subjects' talks.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 5 February. Thank you in advance for meeting our expectation that all families attend.

Yours faithfully

**Emma Steele  
Principal**

