

Year 9 Futures Event

February 2014

Dear Parent

On Wednesday 26th February 2014 we will be holding an interactive Futures Event for all Year 9 pupils. The purpose of the event is to give pupils information about the Key Stage 4 curriculum choices process and give them an opportunity to gain some understanding of the range of courses that will be available during their Key Stage 4 education. It will also include some insight into opportunities beyond Key Stage 4. Year 9 will be divided into five pathway groups with approximately 25 pupils per group. Each group will rotate to different workshops which will vary according to their pathway group.

Sessions include:

- Introduction
- A profiling programme with job matching
- Andover College post 16 opportunities
- 14-16 taster workshops (Blue Pathway only)
- GCSE speed dating workshops
- Peter Symonds College post 16 opportunities
- Job File exploration
- Russell Group Universities exploration workshop (Green Pathway only)
- Review, evaluation and portfolio compilation.

Year 9 Parents' Information Evening — Pathways

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that there is a Year 9 Parents' Information Pathways Evening on Monday 3rd March 2014, for parents and Year 9 pupils to attend. This will commence at 6.30 p.m. with an introduction by Miss Hiscock (Head teacher). Teachers from all departments will also be available to talk with you about the various courses that will be included in Test Valley School's curriculum for Key Stage 4. I have invited representatives from our local colleges to attend this evening including Andover College, Sparsholt College, Basingstoke College of Technology and Peter Symonds College. These representatives will be able to help answer any questions you may have regarding the selection of courses for 14 to 19 year olds at their institutions.

Prior to this evening your child will bring home information outlining the curriculum they will follow and how they will be able to make choices in some subject areas.

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An advisor from the Careers Service should also be on hand to advise on any wider questions you may have.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to meeting with you on Monday March 3rd.

Yours sincerely



Mr Langdown
Careers Coordinator