

15th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter has now reached an exciting and extremely important stage in their educational life. During your child's time at The Dean Academy they have followed a wide range of subjects that have provided a firm foundation for their learning at Key Stage 4. They will now have to make certain crucial decisions about some of the subjects they wish to follow. A few students may find these choices easy because they are already certain about their future career or path in further and higher education. We also know that some students find the process a bit daunting and require a little extra support in making their choices.

We would like to invite both you and your child to the **Options Evening on Thursday 23rd January 2020, from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm**. Throughout the evening, we will give two short talks regarding the options process. These will run at 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm in the Drama Hall. At other times, you will be able to speak to subject teachers in the Restaurant, who will be able to give you and your child important information regarding their choices. **We highly recommend that you attend one of the talks** if at all possible – the information given will be identical and we hope that by running two sessions we will be able to see all parents and students to offer key information and support.

On your arrival at school you will be given an options pack that provides you with the details of the courses available and suggestions about the combination of subjects that best suit your child's interests and abilities. Please ensure that you read the subject information sheets carefully and **discuss them with your child**. You and your child can seek advice from their tutor and, if necessary, Mr Stradling (Head of Year) or any member of the Senior Leadership Team, who will all be available at Options Evening.

The school's Careers Advisors, Lacey Roberts and Levi White, will also be available to offer support on possible next steps, as well as giving important information on the options post-16 which are open to your child.

Finally, please remember that all of the staff are here to help your child at this important stage in their education. We want students to make the correct decisions so that they will achieve to the best of their ability while enjoying their last two years at The Dean Academy.

Yours faithfully

Declan Mooney
Deputy Head Teacher

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