7 December 2017

Key Stage 4 Pathways Information Evening
Thursday 18th January 2018
6:30pm in the School Hall

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware, students will make their Key Stage 4 option choices during the Spring Term of Year 8. I am pleased to invite parents and Year 8 students to our Information Evening to support these important decisions.   The evening will outline the curriculum pathways available to your son/daughter from the start of Year 9, and will explain the structure of the new GCSEs that she/he will be taking.

During the evening we shall address the following important issues:

- What is a pathway, and why take this approach?
- Which is the best pathway to ensure my child's success?
- How can I seek advice from my child's subject teachers?
- What support is my child receiving from school to inform their choices?
- Why are Key Stage 4 courses delivered over 3 years at Hanley Castle?
- How has the school responded to the changes to GCSEs that we have heard about in the press?
- What if first choices cannot be accommodated?
- How can we access further information and support?
- How do we submit our preferred options?

At the evening I shall launch our 2018 online Pathways guide which explains the process and provides detailed information about the courses offered within each pathway.

I would like parents to have the opportunity to ask their own questions about the process. Senior colleagues will be available to answer specific queries at the end of the evening. However, should you have a question that you feel would be of interest to other parents, please write it on the reply slip below and we shall address it within our presentation.

I would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip below by Friday 12th January to indicate whether or not you will be attending the evening. Students may return this to me via their tutor.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th January at 6.30pm in the School Hall. Students are required to wear school uniform to this event and to sit with their parent.

Yours faithfully

Rob Johnston
Deputy Head Teacher

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To: Mr Johnston

Reply Slip – Year 8 Information Evening 18 January 2018

Student: ………………………………………………………… **Tutor Group:** ………………

I/we will/will not (please delete as appropriate) be able to attend the Key Stage 4 Pathways Information Evening on 18th January.

I/we would like you to address the following query:

Signature: …………………………………………………………………. Date: ………………………………