

Kingsmead

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Dear Parent/Carer

'Supporting Your Child to be Successful in Year 11' event
Thursday 13th September 2018

At Kingsmead we are committed to ensuring that your child has the best possible chance of fulfilling their potential and achieving the qualifications that they need for the next stage of life. I would like to invite you and your child to an information and support evening on **Thursday 13th September** which starts at **5pm in the Sports Hall**. There are 3 key parts to this evening:

5pm-8pm – the opportunity to speak to representatives of colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeships and work based pathways and explore the options available to your child upon leaving Kingsmead. We would encourage your child to speak to *all* representatives to help make a fully informed post-16 decision.

5pm-8pm – the opportunity to have a discussion with your child's tutor and receive a pack of key pastoral, subject and careers related information. No booking is necessary as this is an informal meeting which takes the place of the annual tutor evening.

6.15pm for a 6.30pm start – a short presentation from Mr Williams (Headteacher), myself and Mrs Hake (Year 11 Leader of Student Support). This will cover the year ahead, how best to support your child and the core content/revision strategies in English, Maths and Science.

In the Autumn term your child will complete their **college application** form(s) and personal statement, the first draft of which needs to be with tutors by 26th October 2018 for checking. The following support is available to your child to aid preparation for post-16 decision making:

- Go to **Firefly** > resources > Applied Learning and look at 'Colleges' & 'Careers' to find out about open days, college events etc.
- Come to room M12 at PM registration to collect **college** or **university prospectuses** and literature from the **careers library**.
- Browse **careers websites** such as 'getting-in' and 'plotr' (see full list on Firefly > careers).
- Sign up for lunchtime **careers events** (when there is a note in your son/daughter's register).
- Attend your **1-2-1 careers interview** – all students have one or more careers interviews within Year 10 and Year 11. Parents can request to attend – please contact me for more information about this.
- Come to the Thursday lunchtime **drop in** session in room M12 to ask any careers related questions.
- **Talk to college staff / our careers advisor** at parent's evenings and lunchtime 'drop in' events.
- Fully engage in **PSHCE lessons** focussed on careers / colleges to support post-16 decision making.

I do hope that we will see as many of you as possible on **Thursday 13th September 2018**. Please indicate your attendance or otherwise by returning the attached reply slip to reception by 7th September 2018.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any specific concerns or queries. I wish every student a restful summer followed by a focused and successful Year 11.

Yours faithfully,



Charlie Pierce
Assistant Headteacher

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Please return to Reception by Friday 7th September 2018.

I do / do not wish to attend the **Year 11 Supporting Your Child Evening** [delete as appropriate]

Student's Name..... Tutor Group.....

Number of people attending