



January 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Parents' Evening ~ Monday 6th February 2012

This meeting will take place between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm on Monday 6th February 2012 and will provide the opportunity for you to discuss your son's/daughter's progress and will also enable you to seek advice about the selection of subjects for the two year GCSE courses beginning in September 2012. There will be presentations in the Sixth Form Centre for you to attend at either 4.30 pm or 6.00 pm when Mr Handscombe (Deputy Head) and I will explain the option choice procedure. Will Peat, Careers Adviser from Connexions Prospects will be available to give advice; if you wish to make an appointment please ask your child to go to the careers office at academic monitoring or break time and speak to Mrs Longman, Careers and Higher Education Adviser, or Mrs Aspill.

Students will be in the Entrance Hall to direct parents and light refreshments will be available to purchase.

The Options Booklet and a Provisional Subject Choice Form will be issued to students on Monday 30th January 2012. This booklet outlines the courses on offer and explains the choices which have to be made. In order that we can begin planning our timetable requirements for next year, could you please return the form by **Thursday 1st March**. You will have an opportunity to confirm or change your initial selection at a later date in the year, in case the situation changes.

In the meantime, both Mr Handscombe and I will be talking to students in order to explain the option system. Opportunities to discuss individual questions will be provided by Mr Handscombe, the Form Tutor and me. The students will also be given guidance and advice during PSHCE from the Academic School Council, the Year 9 Options Committee and the Year 9 Prefects. In this way the students should be confident that they understand how to make appropriate choices.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs L J Gradley
Director of Studies, Year 9**

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To: Year 9 Form Staff, Bexley Grammar School

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Name of Pupil: Form:

I am/we are* able/unable* to attend the Parents' Evening Meeting on Monday 6th February 2012

Signature of Parent/Guardian: Date:

*Please delete as necessary