



14 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening – Roman and Quinlan – 27 February 2019

At St Martin's we are committed to providing a curriculum that we believe will engage, motivate and challenge our young people. Through our options process, we firmly believe that your son or daughter will be well placed to achieve success, both in learning and through the qualifications gained, that will open doors to choice and opportunity at sixteen and allow them to transfer with confidence between schooling, further education and adult life.

The decisions to be made at the end of Year 9 are very important. You will have the chance to find out more about the courses being offered to your son or daughter through the curriculum booklet and the various information and consultation evenings. If students are to be as successful as they can be over the next two years, it is important that they understand that the courses they will be following are demanding and will require consistent effort.

At this important stage in your son or daughter's academic career we believe that it is essential to provide help and guidance when planning for the future. As such, we would like to invite you and your son or daughter to a meeting to discuss the curriculum for Years 10 and 11 (2019-2021) on Wednesday 27 February from 4.00pm – 5.15pm in the south and north halls.

Please note that students are expected to wear full school uniform when attending this event and the timings are as follows:

4.00pm – 4.30pm A formal meeting when members of staff will make short presentations about the new GCSE grading system and offer advice regarding the options process. (south hall)

4.45pm – 5.15pm The opportunity to discuss courses with Heads of Departments or their representatives and see the type of work that is expected in Years 10 and 11. (north hall)

The curriculum booklet for Years 10 and 11 gives details of the GCSE grading system and descriptions of all the courses available to your son or daughter from September 2019 to June 2021 and how they are assessed and examined. The booklet will be issued to all students on Monday 28 January.

The Options Form should be completed and returned to your son or daughter's Form Tutor by 8.45am on Friday 8 March 2019.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Jackson
Director of Key Stage 3