

St. Thomas More Catholic School, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

There are two Year 9 Consultation Evenings this year, taking place on **Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 4.30 pm** and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 4.30 pm**.

As with other parents' evenings, they are times when you can find out how your child is performing within the subjects they are currently studying. In addition to this, both evenings will be opportunities for you to get an overall picture of the Key Stage 4 curriculum and also to find out how students will choose the optional subjects they will study in years 10 and 11. For this reason, it is important that parents and students attend both evenings.

On the first evening, appointments should be made for you to meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers for the **non-options subjects** (the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and RE). There will also be an opportunity to meet the teachers of Computing to discuss progress and to help with decisions about whether your son/daughter would be interested in choosing this subject to study beyond year 9. A short presentation on the process of choosing the options and on recent changes to the GCSE system will take place in the History/Geography block at **5.15** and repeated again at **6.15**. If your child is involved in the ski trip, I would ask that you attend the parents' evening anyway.

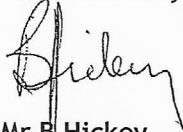
On the second evening, appointments should be made for you to meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers for the remaining **optional subjects**. Parents are asked to treat this as a normal consultation evening; finding out how your son/daughter is progressing in the subjects. However, it is also an opportunity to find out a little more about these subjects in years 10 and 11 to help with the decision making process.

Please be aware that the appointment times should be seen as a guide as some teachers will have a large number of parents to see. **Pupils should attend both evenings in full school uniform.**

Please complete the reply slip below for both Consultation Evenings and return it to your child's form tutor by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Your child will be given an appointment sheet for each evening. He/she will then ask the subject teachers for an appointment. When the appointment sheet is completed please bring it with you to the Parents' Evening.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully



**Mr B Hickey**  
Headteacher

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Please return this reply slip to the Form Tutor by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

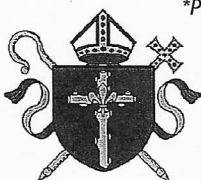
Pupil's Name ..... Form .....

I will/will not\* be able to attend the Y9 Core Subject Consultation Evening on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb**

I will/will not\* be able to attend the Y9 Options Subject Consultation Evening **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Signature of Parent ..... Date .....

*\*Please delete as appropriate*



Saint Ralph Sherwin  
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