



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

Friday 20 January 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to keep you informed of some very important dates coming up for the rest of this term for Year 9 students.

First, though, I want to apologise for the **Year 9 Reports** not coming out today – there are a number of reasons for this but whilst some are ready to go others are not, and we need to send them all out together. They will now be given to students next Friday, 27 January. My apologies for this.

The progress reports that go with these full reports were actually completed by staff in December, and the next progress reports will be available to parents as follows:

Progress Reports 3 In the first full week of March

Progress Reports 4 In the first full week of June

I keep reinforcing with the students the need to maintain the highest possible standards in all their lessons through to the end of the year, and the Tutors and I are confident that the remaining two Progress Reports will reflect this excellent work ethic they have.

The process for choosing Key Stage 4 options is well under way – students are getting information from a number of sources, and one key feature is the access they have in their Citizenship lessons to information about possible career choices and the sort of qualifications needed.

As parents you will be keen to find out as much as you can about options and there are some key dates I would like to remind you of.

Options Evening **Thursday 23 February**

Parents' Evening **Thursday 8 March**

The **Options Evening** is an opportunity for you to find out more about the subjects that will be offered to your children next year – they will have been told some details by class teachers, but this is an opportunity for you to find out, first hand, what will happen through Key Stage 4.

Parents' Evening is the usual opportunity for you to make appointments with the staff who teach your children to discuss their progress this year and possibly to find out more about courses in Years 10 and 11.

As a teacher you would expect me to stress the importance of these meetings, however there are some key changes to the education system coming up that will have an impact on the present Year 9 students, so this year I would say it is more important than ever that you try to attend both of these evenings.

Please note that throughout the second evening (8 March) staff from our ICT Support Department will be available to deal with any account enquiries or questions you might have do with the Learning Gateway. The Learning Gateway gives all parents online access to the following information about your child:

- Reports (Main and Progress)
- Attendance
- Behaviour and Achievements
- Timetable

They will also be available to make any changes to the contact information we have for your child, for example email addresses and phone numbers, home, mobile and work.

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