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Dear Parent

On Thursday the 9 October Year 11 students will take part in a Careers Day entitled 'Routes and Pathways'. This will be the first in a series of sessions, designed to support students in making the right post-16 choices. During the course of the day students will complete an online diagnostic test which will examine their qualities and strengths, likes and dislikes and determine a selection of careers which may be suitable. They will also attend a session with a university admissions officer to get a feel for the university experience and the Apprenticeship Service will discuss apprenticeships as a viable option in the current competitive climate for university places. There will also be a Revision Skills Workshop with an external presenter to enable students to motivate and equip themselves for their forthcoming Mock Examinations. The final session will be led by Mr Barton, Head of Sixth Form who will discuss A Levels and what it means to remain at The King's School.

Students will need to carefully consider all options that are available, rather than assuming that returning to the Sixth Form is the right choice. Those students who wish to join the Sixth Form will not only have to meet challenging academic entry requirements but should also have made a positive contribution to the life of the School. We shall consider each student's behaviour record and those who have failed to work in a positive manner in all lessons during their GCSE courses will be advised that Sixth Form is not a viable option. Large numbers of external students apply for Sixth Form study at King's each year and we are in the fortunate position of being able to select only those students who have excellent working relationships with all their teachers and constantly strive to realise their full potential. The entry requirements for Sixth Form are 6 Bs at GCSE including Maths and English. It would also be desirable for a student to have an A in each subject they intend to study at A Level.

GCSE Mock Examinations take place during the week beginning Monday 8 December. This will be an important measure when advising students. The GCSE Mock Examinations should be taken seriously and a thorough revision schedule will need to be implemented to guarantee success. Students who achieve the best results in the Mock Examinations will have planned a revision timetable and be actively revising 3-4 weeks before the exams.

Every Year 11 student will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to discuss career aspirations and post-16 options following the Sixth Form Options Information Evening on Thursday 20 November. Following this interview an application for post-16 study will be made.

The 'Routes and Pathways' event should prove to be a valuable experience for your son and will provide information that will enable him to make the right choices for the future.

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We have also organised for the Revision Skills presenter to deliver an early evening workshop to parents and students on how you and your son can best prepare for the forthcoming GCSE Mock Examinations. The evening will take place in the School Hall at 5.30pm and will finish at 6.30pm. Grantham College and the Apprenticeship Service will also deliver a short presentation at the start of the evening to give further information on alternative post 16 options. In order to gain the most out of the evening it is essential that parents and students attend together.

The evening aims to stimulate a positive attitude towards revision and provide simple but effective techniques to improve exam preparation. The presenter will also discuss memory principles, learning tools, boosting recall, aids to revision and the revision cycle.

The company only offer parent and student sessions as early evening sessions and unfortunately we are not able to offer a later start time. I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip by Friday 26 September to indicate that you have received the letter and that you and your son can attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in relation to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Return to: Form Tutor by Friday 26 September 2014

YEAR ELEVEN REVISION EVENING THURSDAY OCTOBER 9 2014 AT 5.30PM

Student's Name: _____

Form: _____

- I confirm that I have received the letter on the Year 11 'Routes and Pathways'. []
- I would like to attend the 'Year 11 Revision Skills Workshop' with my son on Thursday 9 October at 5.30pm in the School Hall. []

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____