



Ref: HoY\10\Support Evening
September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Parents' Support Evening
Thursday 21 September 2017 - 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Your son has recently started his GCSE courses at King's and we would like to mark the occasion by inviting you to a support evening to be held in the School Hall from 5.00pm on Thursday 21 September. The purpose of the evening is for each Subject Leader to equip parents with information that will enable them to support their son through the two year GCSE course. From this September, all subjects taught at King's will be studying for the new, more difficult GCSEs. The main features of the new GCSEs are:

1. A new grading scale of 9 to 1 will be used, with 9 being the top grade. This will allow greater differentiation between students and will help distinguish the new GCSEs from previous versions.
2. Assessment will be mainly by exam, with other types of assessment used only where they are needed to test essential skills.
3. There will be new, more demanding content, which has been developed by government and the exam boards.
4. Courses will be designed for two years of study – they will no longer be divided into different modules and students will take all their exams in one period at the end of their course.
5. Exams can only be split into 'foundation tier' and 'higher tier' if one exam paper does not give all students the opportunity to show their knowledge and abilities.

I shall introduce the evening and give an overview of exam reform and new GCSEs. There will then be presentations by the Head of Maths and English on how to help your son achieve his potential in the new exams, which are significantly more difficult than the legacy GCSE. Following on from this, parents will listen to further presentations by Subject Leaders in a range of subjects their son studies.

Subject Leaders will be situated in specific rooms in the Tower Block to talk to you about their subject and to pass on what I am sure will be invaluable help and support. The evening will finish at 6.30pm and is only for parents. Students should not attend.

I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip to your son's Form Tutor or email admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk by Friday 15 September to confirm you can attend the evening. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in relation to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

J A Dixon
Deputy Headmaster

Please return to: Form Tutor or email admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk by Friday 15 September 2017

I/we* will/will not* be attending the Year 10 Parents' Support Evening on Thursday 21 September.

Student: _____ Form: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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