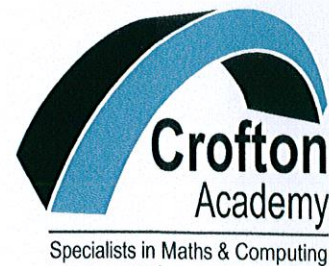


16<sup>th</sup> February 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know we are approaching the time when Year 9 pupils are asked to choose some of the courses they will follow during Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11).

As part of our on-going careers advice and guidance programme we are pleased to be working with a range of Higher Education partners and services, to provide Y9 pupils with a series of workshops that will support them in their Options choices. Indeed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, we are holding a 'Getting It Right' event.

During the course of the day all Y9 pupils will be off timetable to experience:

- working with Student Ambassadors (current undergraduates) from local universities and colleges, in order to understand the various pathways that they have taken and to be able to hear about their experiences;
- working with staff from Connexions, looking at what the future labour market might offer and require. They will also learn how to assess their skills alongside looking at the attributes that future employers might want;
- working with their Group Tutors on decision making skills;
- having taster sessions about options that we offer in Key Stage 4, that have not been formally taught in Key Stage 3.

We feel very excited about this opportunity for our pupils as it will enable them to feel more prepared and informed about their future choices.

In addition, we are extending an invitation to attend a meeting to all parents of Year 9 pupils. This meeting will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

At this meeting we will be providing more up to date information about the school approach to the EBacc qualification, explaining how the Options process will work, and provide guidance for parents when making decisions about Key Stage 4 subjects. In addition there will be an opportunity following the meeting to discuss any worries or concerns you may have with a member of staff.

If you feel you and your child would benefit from attending the meeting please complete the slip attached and return it to school by Friday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,

**P Walker**  
Acting Headteacher



**English Bacalaureate Meeting –Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 6.30pm**

Pupil Name.....

Form .....

I/we will be attending the English Bacalaureate meeting.

Signed by Parent/Carer .....