



# Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 8 Key Stage 4 Options

As you may be aware, the Government has made many significant changes to the examination system in recent years. New, more rigorous, GCSE courses have been introduced and our current Year 8 will sit these in the Summer 2020.

These changes are incredibly important, and we feel it is critical that you and your son/daughter are as informed as possible. To help you in this, we will be holding a **Year 8 KS4 Curriculum Evening on Thursday 16 March 2017**, beginning promptly at **4.00 p.m.** and finishing at **6.00 p.m.** I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to attend.

To give your son/daughter the best possible chance at being successful on these new courses we have altered the way in which our curriculum is structured and delivered in KS3 and KS4. Last year we decided that Year 8 would begin their upper school curriculum when they moved into Year 9. This has already proven to be a successful and helpful change.

Our Curriculum Evening will give you an overview of the options process and the decisions that pupils, together with their parents/carers, will need to make about which subjects they will take forward to GCSE. Details of the GCSE subjects taught from Year 9, as well as the required examinations, will be shared with you during the evening to enable you to make informed choices. Subject leaders will also be on hand to answer any of your queries about their subject and the changes to them.

We understand how important these curriculum choices are to you and your son/daughter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I am confident that by working together we can enable your son/daughter to make the right choices. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Airey  
Head of School

