

Date: 9 October 2009

Ref: DMB/JC DL/Next Step Experience

Dear Parent / Carer

We want our Year 11 pupils to be as prepared as possible for the next step in their lives. We have organised an event to help them find out about their options and to ensure they have as much information as possible to make informed decisions. Today your son/daughter has been presented with a choice; experience either A-Levels through the Sixth Form or follow the Vocational path at Walsall College for a day.

Please spend time over the weekend discussing this with your son/daughter. Pupils will record their choice with their form tutor on Monday morning.

The event will take place on **Tuesday 17 November 2009** and will finish at **2.00pm**.

Pupils choosing the Sixth Form option will be Sixth Form students for a day. They need to attend in smart business wear for those days, just like current Sixth Form pupils. They will experience four subjects, some of which they may have enjoyed at GCSE and others which may be new to them.

Pupils choosing the College option will either make their own way to College for 9.00am, or go by coach from school at 8.30am to be returned approximately 2.15pm. The College has organised an enterprise competition; pupils will work in teams to devise a new product or service and pitch it to a client. The pupils will be accompanied by staff from school to support the College. The pupils will not be allowed to leave the College premises at any time.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Mr Lowbridge or Miss Jones at school.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Thursday 26 November. Further details will follow.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the GCSE examination dates for Maths and English:

Thursday 5 November	Maths Paper 1	(9.00am start)
Monday 9 November	English Paper 1	(9.00am start)
Tuesday 10 November	Maths Paper 2	(9.00am start)
Thursday 12 November	English Paper 2	(9.00am start)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen Brennan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dame Maureen Brennan
Headteacher