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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 16 January 2020 Year 8 Pathways Evening and Careers Fair - Thursday 30 January 2020

We are writing to inform you of two important evenings, namely the Year 8 Parents' Evening and the Year 8 Pathways and Careers Fair.

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 16 January from 3.45pm to 6.45pm. This event will provide you with the opportunity to review your child's current progress with individual subject teachers and to discuss with them strategies to maximise future achievement and success.

For discussion of more general issues, senior staff and members of the pastoral and support team will be available throughout the evening without appointment including Mr Tupai (Year 8 Progress Leader), Mrs Edmondson (Year 8 Pastoral Manager) and Mrs Ashbridge (Director of Learning Support). Teaching staff will be seated in the areas shown below:

- Main Hall for Mathematics, Science, ICT, PE and Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish, French and German).
- Year 7 Social Area for Humanities (History, Geography and Philosophy & Ethics).
- Year 8 Social Area for Art, Design Technology, Music and Drama.
- Library for English
- Room 1 for Learning Support.

Further information and a guide will be provided on the evening when you sign in at the main Reception desk. This will include the Pathways Information Booklet. The booklet outlines details of the GCSE Pathways process and the range of subjects on offer. You will receive a further letter with details and a timeslot for the event.

We operate an online system for making appointments for parents/carers. The length of an individual appointment is 5 minutes and appointments will be reserved on a first come first served basis. The online booking system will allow appointment bookings from 09:30 on Friday 10 January until 15:00 on Wednesday 15 January. To book appointments please access our Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College online Parents' Evening System via the following link https://holdernessacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk.

Please ensure that you attempt to log into the system **before the go live date for bookings**, ensuring that you are able to do so successfully. Should you experience difficulties accessing the online system, please email **parentsevening@holderness.academy** or telephone 01482 899315 and select the relevant option for IT Support. Please remember to include your full name, child's name and their Tutor's name.

If you are unable to attend the Parents' Evening, and would like feedback on your child's progress, please contact the main office on 01482 899315 or email office@holderness.academy.

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If you find that you are unable to make an appointment with a particular teacher because they become fully booked, there will be the opportunity to e-mail that relevant member of staff from the Leonardo Gallery. We will then be able to arrange an alternative form of contact such as a telephone conversation with that teacher.

The Pathways Evening & Careers Fair for parents and students will be held on Thursday 30 January from 4.30pm to 6.45pm. The evening will commence with an initial presentation in the Main Hall focusing on how the Pathways process will work. After the presentation, you will be able to talk to teachers about the different subjects on offer. In addition, there will be a Careers Fair where we will host a number of local Businesses, Colleges and Training Providers who will offer information to students on possible career routes. The Sixth Form will also be open for parents/carers and students to look around. Refreshments will be available in this area.

We hope that you will find both evenings useful and informative and any feedback will be gratefully received, as this will enable us to continue to refine our procedures. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valued support and we look forward to meeting you later this month. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any matters further.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tupai

Year 8 Progress Leader

Mrs Edmondson

Year 8 Pastoral Manager