

1 July 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

**\*\*\*KS4 Options Evening – Tuesday 8 July 2014\*\*\***

**5.30pm – 7.00pm**

**YEAR 8 into 9**

Following the Parents' Information Evening on Monday 23 June, where Outwood Grange Academies Trust shared their vision for Bydales School, we wish to reinforce some of the curriculum changes which will affect students in current Year 8. These changes will come into effect from September 2014.

**Key Stage 3** will now cover Years 7 and 8 only.

**Key Stage 4**, including option courses, will now start in Year 9.

**To support students and parents/carers in making these choices we will be holding a Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening as detailed above. There will be a formal presentation describing the options process which will start at 6.00pm prompt. Following this, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each subject area to access advice and guidance on the most appropriate courses for them to follow.**

**The deadline for completion and submission of option choices is 9am Friday 11 July, although forms may, of course, be handed in at any time before then.**

Prior to the Options Evening, we will be sending you a booklet detailing the option courses that students can choose from. We are currently finalising this list of subjects and it is our intention to have the information booklet ready for you by Friday 4 July, following an Options Assembly to Year 8.

Just to remind parents/carers that the curriculum in operation across schools in the Outwood Grange Academies Trust has been repeatedly judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted due to its flexibility, engagement and promotion of high quality outcomes for students. We are confident it will have a similar impact on our students at Bydales School.

We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



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Associate Curriculum Director



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