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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to parents/carers who attended our recent Parents'/Carers' Forum meeting on 26 February. It's great to see so many parents/carers helping us to improve the school – the next meeting is Monday 26 March from 6pm to 7pm, so please do try to get along.

Thank you also for sending back into school your signed Home-School Agreement documents – please keep doing this, until we have them all received. At the moment we have received around 20% of the documents back – please help us by sending your Agreement back to school via your child's form tutor.

Thank you to Mrs Shipton-Taylor for organising our first ever Aspiration Evening for our Year 11 students and parents/carers on 22 February, and thank you to the parents/carers and students who attended. This was a really helpful evening for the students, a chance to speak to Subject Improvement Leaders about progress and about how to revise effectively for the final exams, which begin in mid-May.

Year 8 & 9 Options Process

Parents/carers will recall that this year we are beginning the options process with both Years 8 and 9 as we start a three year Key Stage 4, in line with the majority of other secondary schools nationally. We have been awaiting the curriculum review led by the Trust, who will determine the number of curriculum subject hours to be taught across the academies.

Our Information Evening for parents/carers will be **Thursday 15 March 2018**, with Year 8 students and parents/carers at 5pm and with Year 9 students and parents/carers at 6pm. Subject Improvement Leaders will be present during the evening so that students and parents/carers can discuss what the different study programmes look like, and what options might suit a particular student's aptitude.

For the first time we will be using the Trust's online options choice process. The electronic window for completing the options will open on Monday 26 March and will close on Thursday 29 March; this should give students sufficient time to consider all potential subject choices, well in advance of a timetable beginning in September 2018. To support our students, we are also running a "Mad4Options" event for both year groups on Monday 19 March 2018.



Holiday Dates

Our term dates and holiday dates are shared on our Parent Information section on our website (www.sgs.lincs.sch.uk); however, I thought I'd remind parents/carers about some key dates:

Close for Easter break	Thursday 29 March 2018 at 13:20hrs
Open for all students	Monday 16 April 2018
Close for half-term	Friday 25 May 2018 at 15:05hrs
Open for all students	Monday 4 June 2018
Close for summer break	Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 13:20hrs

Dates for your diary

Thursday 26 April 2018	4:00-7:00pm – Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening
Thursday 10 th May 2018	4.00-7.00pm - Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening
Monday 14 May 2018	Summer GCSE and GCE exams begin
Thursday 17 May 2018	4:00-7:00pm – Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Parents/carers will be aware that we have already begun after-school and lunchtime revision sessions for our students in Year 11. A timetable of what is offered currently on each day of the week is set out below:

	Lunch	PM (starting at 3:10pm)
Monday	GCSE PE coursework in room 25 (Miss Shelbourn)	<i>Staff are not available at this time</i>
Tuesday	History (Mrs Howey)	Science Business Studies (Mr Lavender)
Wednesday	GCSE PE coursework in room 25 (Miss Shelbourn) Geography (Mr Green)	English (Miss Houlston) Music MFL – Higher Science
Thursday	Foundation- French	English (Mrs Hallett) Maths Science
Friday		

Thank you again to all parents/carers who are supporting the students and our school as we move forward with our school's improving journey.

Yours sincerely



Heather Scott
Principal

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