

21 October 2019

Dear Parents

**Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 20 November, 5.50-8.00pm**

In the week beginning 11 November your son will be issued with the important booklet SIXTH FORM ENTRY *An Introduction to Advanced Level Courses*. This gives details of all A level options available at RGS in the Sixth Form. Prior to the Sixth Form Open Evening detailed above he should have read the booklet and have any questions ready to ask.

On **Wednesday 20 November** we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening for both internal and external students. You and your son will have the opportunity to talk to staff and current students about the subjects he may be interested in for his A level choices. This event is designed to inspire your son to think about his Sixth Form education and will focus on the details of the subject at A level. It is not a Parents (Subject Teacher) Evening such as you will be invited to attend on **Monday 10 February 2020**. We do, however, expect the boys to attend in school uniform.

To book a place for you and your son (maximum 3 places), please go to the usual on-line booking system <https://rgshw.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> which will open at 4.00pm on **Wednesday 23 October**.

The evening will run from 5.50pm (5.30pm for any boys not currently at RGS) to 8.00pm with the following programme:

5.30pm onwards	Registration in The Space by any boys not currently at RGS
5.50pm	Presentation 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Wallace, Deputy Headmaster</li> <li>• Mr Noyes, Director of Sixth Form</li> <li>• Current and Former Students</li> </ul> Presentation 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss Munday, Assistant Head</li> </ul>
6.30pm	Visit subject areas for presentations/talks with staff/current A level students Come to the Library for individual information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life as a Sixth Former</li> <li>• A level choices – individual queries</li> </ul>
8.00pm	Finish

On arrival, please could you and your son go to the Queen's Hall for two presentations: **Welcome to the RGS Sixth Form** and **How to Choose Your A Levels**. You will then be able to visit departments who will have some or all the following available to help inform your son's decision:

- Introduction to the subject at A level
- Staff who can answer individual questions
- Year 12/Year 13 students who are currently studying the subject
- Advanced level textbooks and general wider reading advice

You may also wish to visit the Fraser Youens Boarding House if you are interested in finding out more about a boarding place in the Sixth Form. Tours will begin at 7.50pm from the meeting place in the Library. Please note that those who board in Fraser Youens have historically attained results that are 10-15% higher than the general school results so it is a very successful option for several boys each year.

If you are unable to attend, we will still expect your son to come on his own and to visit all the departments of the subjects he is considering, to find out more about each subject.

Immediately after the event your son will be able to enter his A Level Option Choices online using the link via his SIMS Student App. If, however, he had chosen not to use the Student App, he should go to his RGS email account where he will find an email inviting him to register. Once registered he will receive an account confirmation email with a link to both the Student App and Options online.

It is important that he, with your advice, enters his choices **by 9.00am on Monday 25 November** when the online system will close. At that point we start processing and organising subjects into columns. Please note that not all subject combinations will be possible, but this changes each year so at this stage we cannot say what won't work. Please be assured that 99% of requests will work!

As this event is also open to external candidates for the Sixth Form, please do let others know about it if you are able to do so.

We do hope that you and your son will find this evening a useful part of the Sixth Form admissions process.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Head