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Dear Parents

Sixth Form Open Evening – Tuesday 20 November, 6.15-8.30pm

In the week beginning 12 November your son will be issued with an 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 event above he should have read the booklet and have any questions ready to ask.

On **Tuesday 20 November** we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening for both internal and external students at which you and your son will have the opportunity to talk to staff 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 Wednesday 6 February 2019. We do, however, expect the boys to attend in school uniform.

The evening will run from 6.15-8.30pm with the following programme:

18.15 onwards	Registration in The Space by all Year 11
18.30	Presentation in the Queen's Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wallace, Deputy Headmaster • Mr Noyes, Director of Sixth Form • Current and Former Students
19.00	Visit subject areas for presentations / talks with staff / current A level students Other presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to choose A levels • Life as a Sixth Former
20.30	Finish

Please could you and your son go via The Space to the Queen's Hall for a Welcome from the Deputy Headmaster and a short presentation on Our Vision for an RGS Sixth Form Student. You will then be able to visit departments who will have some or all of 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. Please note that those who board in Fraser Youens have historically attained results that are 5-15 % higher than the general school results so it is a very successful option for several boys each year.

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

In the School Comms which will be sent out on Monday 19 November there will be the A Level Choices Request Form. After the event your son must return this form to his form tutor by **Monday 26 November** at the very latest as we will start processing and organising subjects into columns on Tuesday 27 November. 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 in a position 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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