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Dear Parent/Carer

Guided Pathway Information Evening – Tuesday 8th January 2019

I am writing to invite you to the Year 8 into Year 9 Guided Pathway Information Evening, at Outwood Academy Portland, on Tuesday 8th January 2019 from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This is part of our programme of support, information and guidance for Year 8 students.

The curriculum, which is 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. A key part of this curriculum is the opportunity for students to study qualifications over three years (Years 9, 10 and 11), rather than the traditional two years (Years 10 and 11). This extra year not only enables students to spread the examination load, it enables the study of qualification based subjects to be deeper and much broader.

There will be a formal presentation in the main hall at 5.30pm and again at 6.00pm, describing the pathway process. During the evening, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet with staff from each subject area and to access information and guidance on the different courses available. Careers advisors and representatives from Post 16 providers will also be present during the evening.

All Year 8 students will attend an assembly on Monday 7th January 2018, where they will receive their Options Booklets and Guided Pathway Choices Forms. Please read through this with your child before you attend the information evening, so that you are able to ask any questions you may have. The deadline for the completion and submission of Guided Pathways Choices Forms is Friday 25th January 2019.

I look forward to seeing you at the information evening.

Yours faithfully



Emma Ferrarelli
Assistant Principal