

15th January 2010

Letter to parents and carers of all Year 9 students:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Beyond 14 Evening : Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall

I am writing to remind you about this event and to invite you to attend our **Beyond 14 Evening** with your Year 9 child.

This is a very important evening for your child, and is one of the key events designed to enable your child, with your support, to make informed choices when considering their Option subjects for Key Stage 4.

At Key Stage 4, students have the opportunity to choose the Option subjects they would like to follow in Years 10 and 11. Most of these courses lead to GCSE or other accredited qualifications. Subject Teachers will be explaining the nature of the Key Stage 4 courses to their Year 9 students over the coming week. There will be special Assemblies for Year 9 which will focus on new subjects new to the students, including the Engineering Diploma.

The Options Process will be explained at the **Beyond 14 Evening** and you will have the opportunity to look at the work involved in each Subject and to speak to Subject Leaders.

There will be a Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 10th February where you will be able to discuss your child's progress. This will provide a further opportunity for you to discuss the best Option Subjects for your child and to finalise his/her choices.

A booklet will be issued to students on 27th January, which gives details of all the subjects which are available for study in Year 10 and 11. It may be useful to bring this booklet with you to the Beyond 14 Evening.

If you would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr R Ahrens, Assistant Headteacher (email rahrens@st-johns-epping.essex.sch.uk), Mrs J Higginbottom, Year 9 Progress Leader (jhigginbottom@st-johns-epping.essex.sch.uk), or your child's Form Tutor at the School.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms S Wallin,
Deputy Headteacher**