

9th November 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to invite you and your son/daughter to our Careers Convention. This event, organised for Year 9, 10 and 11 students is taking place on **Wednesday 16th November 2011** in the School Hall and Gym from 6.30 pm until 8.30pm.

Exhibitors will include a number of local colleges, apprenticeship providers, the armed forces and members of professional bodies as well as local businesses. In view of our specialist status, we will also have representatives from engineering organisations.

Whilst **Year 9** may seem a little early to be thinking of a career, this is an ideal opportunity for students to talk to professional people before choosing GCSE options. Your child will find this advice helpful in the coming months as choosing the right subjects now could make a real difference to their future.

Year 10 is a good time to start thinking about the options offered when leaving St John's. The Convention is an ideal opportunity to talk to professionals and ask questions, to find out what qualifications are the best paths into a career and discover what routes are open via local colleges.

Additionally, for **Year 11** students who are still undecided about whether to go to college or not, or don't know which college to choose, the Convention will provide an ideal opportunity to talk to representatives from the different colleges and sixth forms. It is also a chance for students and parents to ask questions prior to filling in application forms.

Students are welcome to attend with parents and we look forward to seeing you there on the 16th November. It is not expected that school uniform be worn on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Viv Madden
Careers Manager