13 January 2012

Dear Parent / Carer

Re. Year 9 Parents and Options Evening: 4.00pm – 7.00pm, Wednesday 1st February 2012

I am delighted to invite you and your son/daughter to the Year 9 Parents and Options Evening on ***Wednesday 1st February, 4.00pm -7.00pm***. This will be an important event as there will be a wide range of information and guidance available on the evening which we hope will help you and your son/daughter make good, informed option choices regarding the courses that he/she will study during Years 10 & 11.

The evening will follow an informal structure and you are welcome to attend the evening at any time between 4.00pm and 7:00pm. However I would advise you to arrive, if at all possible, by 5.00pm at the latest so you can take advantage of all the information available during the evening.

There will be four main sources of information available to you during the evening:

1. **Discussions with Core Subject Teachers**

   Some subjects like English, Mathematics, Science, PE and RE are important compulsory 'core' subjects in Years 10 & 11. Please take time to talk to your son/daughter's teachers in these subjects, in order to find out how your son/daughter is progressing in these important areas and what will be studied in Year 10 & 11.

2. **Informal discussions with options subject teachers**

   Please feel free to walk around the school and visit as many subject areas as you would like to during the evening in order to find out more about option choices. Please use the map provided in the booklet (provided on the evening) to help you find your way to the different subject areas. When you arrive at these subject areas you may wish first of all to talk to your son/daughter's subject teacher to find out about their progress in Year 9. You will also find staff available to chat to you informally about the options available in their subject area and to provide you with advice and guidance as to whether their subject would be a suitable option choice for your son/daughter.

3. **Presentations in the main hall**

   There will be two identical presentations in the main hall at 4.30pm and 5.30pm. Please feel free to choose which one of these you would like to attend. During the presentation, two or three members of staff will outline the options process and explain any new courses that are on offer this year.

4. **Information desks in the Atrium**

   There will be information desks available during the evening, all of which will be located in the atrium:

   i. **Help Desk**. Members of our College staff will be available to provide you with advice and guidance about option choices and also practical help when completing the options form.

General information about BTEC courses and clarification about the English Baccalaureate (E-Bacc) will also be available at this desk.

ii. **Exeter College Desk**. Staff will be available from Exeter College to talk through with you the options available at Exeter College next year and also to provide advice and guidance about progression on to Exeter College at the end of Year 11.

iii. **Bicton College Desk**. Staff will be available from Bicton College to provide you with advice and guidance about progression on to Bicton College at the end of Year 11. *(Please note – there are no specialist courses on offer at Bicton College in Year 10 and 11).*

iv. **Careers South West Desk.** Staff from the Careers South West service will be available to provide careers advice which will help inform your son/daughter's option choices.

I hope this wide range of information and opportunities to meet the staff and colleagues will help you to go through this important process of choosing option choices with your son/daughter.

I very much look forward to welcoming you into the College for what will be a fantastic evening supporting the next steps in your son/daughters future at St Luke's Science and Sports College.

Yours faithfully

Mr D. Holt
Deputy Principal