

Dear Parents

Year 9 Parents Information Evening
Tuesday 10th November 18.00-20.30 - The Lights Theatre, Andover

Year 9 is an important year for making choices about what your child will study in Key Stage 4, and you will want to gather as much information as possible about the nature of these choices.

Your child's school is part of the Andover & District 14-19 Consortium. Together, the schools and college provide a broad range of choices at the age of 14, in addition to the traditional GCSE options.

You may have heard in the national media that a new qualification, the Diploma, is being introduced across the country in stages. These new awards will combine elements of academic study and practical learning. The Diploma will give young people the skills they need for success in further learning, the workplace and in life. They will be offered alongside the range of GCSEs and vocational options already in place.

The Consortium will offer four of the Diplomas from September 2010. These Diplomas are in:

Creative & Media
Environmental & Landbased
Hair & Beauty
IT

In order that you have an opportunity to gather information about the new qualifications, and to compare them with ones with which you are more familiar, we are holding a Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 10th November 6-8.30 pm at the Lights Theatre in Andover. This should provide the background information you need to put the Diplomas into the context of making choices for Year 10 study, as well as GCSE and vocational options on offer across the Consortium.

You will also be able to have information about progression beyond Key Stage 4 into further and higher education. The event is sponsored by

Aimhigher which supports and encourages young people to progress to university.

There will be a presentation in the auditorium at 6.30 pm. Before and after the presentation there will be displays in the Lights arena where you can pick up further information. These will include a Diploma Roadshow presented by the Department of Children Schools and Families (DCSF). Staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

In order that we can plan for the event I would be grateful if you could return the attached slip to your school by Friday 23rd October.

Yours sincerely

Jane Long
Consortium Director

ANDOVER & DISTRICT 14-19 CONSORTIUM

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

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'QUALIFICATIONS IN KEY STAGE 4'

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 18.00-20.30

PRESENTATION AT 18.30

THE LIGHTS THEATRE, ANDOVER

I/We will/will not attend the Parents Information Evening

Name of Year 9 student

Number of adults attending

Signed Date

School :

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER