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Dear Parent/Carer,

On **Thursday the 14th October** we have our Year 11 into Year 12 Option Evening. This is an important time for your son/daughter as they consider their options Post 16 and the courses that they would like to follow.

At Alec Reed Academy we have an extensive range of courses available at both A Level and BTEC and I encourage you to join us on the evening so that you can gain a better understanding of the process of applying to be a member of our Sixth Form.

The event runs from 5.15pm to 7.00pm and will include a **short presentation at 5.30pm** when we will explain the application process and clarify the entry requirements for the different academic pathways. You will then have the opportunity to meet staff from each of the different subject areas. They will provide you with information about the courses that are available and an indication about your son/daughter's suitability for the subject. This is particularly important for subjects such as Psychology and Sociology which they will not have previously studied.

Most of our students transfer automatically into our Sixth Form and will receive confirmation of their provisional place to study at ARA prior to the Christmas holiday. As a result, they will know exactly what they need to achieve in their GCSEs and can concentrate on reaching this goal during the remaining six months of Year 11.

There will be a few students that will need to continue their studies elsewhere as they wish to study a very specialised curriculum area (for example Hair and Beauty or Construction) that is only available at a Post 16 College. The Careers Service will be present at the evening to provide guidance to these students on where these courses are available and how they can apply.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 14th October and discussing how we will continue to work together to further enhance your child's opportunities and support them in fulfilling their dreams and either attend university, start an apprenticeship or begin employment.

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO

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