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Dear Parents & Carers of Year 8

## **Year 8 Mastery Evening - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - 5.00pm**

As you may be aware, we are starting our process to support your child in considering and selecting their subject choices for Year 9. Pupils select subjects which allow them to master skills, improve their understanding and enhance their chances of getting the best possible grades in their favoured subject areas so they can be competitive through the UCAS application process or in terms of employability. This will lead on to students starting their GCSE courses at the start of Year 10 in the same subjects.

**On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding an information evening in school** which will include a formal presentation by myself explaining the application process and other important guidance. We will then move to the Quad where subject leaders will share subject specific information such as specification details and example assessment papers. They will also be able to answer any questions that you or your child may have.

The 'Mastery Pathway' booklet contains a timeline, advice and guidance to support this process and details of all the subject choices available. The booklet is attached to this email and will be shared with students on Microsoft Teams. Students will need to enter their subject choices via the digital form that will be emailed to you on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **The subject choices must be completed online by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.** Please be aware that if a student misses this deadline, they are less likely to receive their subjects of choice.

Students are advised to prepare for the evening in advance by thinking about the subjects that they are interested in to give them a starting point. I would also encourage students to start talking to their subject teachers about the courses and asking if they would like to see any examples of student work or exam papers to give them as much information as possible to inform their decision. They should also reflect on any feedback give to them at Parents' Consultation earlier in the academic year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via [ross.collins@alecreedacademy.co.uk](mailto:ross.collins@alecreedacademy.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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