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Dear Year 11 Parents and Students

**Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 22 November, 5.30 - 7.30pm**

On **Wednesday 22 November** we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening for both current and new students. Your son will have the opportunity to talk to staff and current students about the subjects he may be interested in for his A level choices. This event is designed to inspire your son to think about his Sixth Form education and will focus on the details of the subject at A level. It is not a Parents (Subject Teacher) Evening such as you will be invited to attend next term post mock exams. We do, however, ask your son to attend in school uniform. If you are unable to attend the evening with your son, we would still encourage him to attend on his own and visit departments. He will need to book in for this if attending a Welcome or Maths talk.

Your son will have an assembly about how to choose A Levels on either 13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> November and the powerpoint from this will sent to you. He will also be issued with a link to the important booklet *SIXTH FORM ENTRY An Introduction to Advanced Level Courses*. This gives details of all A level options available at RGS in the Sixth Form. He should read the booklet and have any questions ready to ask at the evening.

To book places for you and your son, please go to Little Box Office <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/rgshw/>. Please book to attend one of the two Welcome to RGS Sixth Form presentations and if relevant a talk on A Level Maths. If your son is considering A Level Further Mathematics he should go to Further Maths (in the Maths Department) and not the Maths talk. Spaces for each of the talks are limited. Attending Welcome talk (1) means that you can access either Maths 2 or 3. Attending Welcome talk (2) means that you can access either Maths 1 or 3.

The evening will run with the following programme:

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TIME	EVENT	VENUE
1720	Registration opens for new students Tours for new students start at 1730	Sixth Form Centre
1730	Visits to Departments	
1735	Welcome to RGS Sixth Form (1)	Queen's Hall
1740	Maths talk 1	Upper Library
1815	Maths talk 2	Upper Library
1815	Welcome to RGS Sixth Form (2)	Queen's Hall
1845	Maths talk 3	Upper Library
1730-1930	Curriculum choice questions	Library
1730-1930	Sixth Form Q&A	Library
1920	Boarding Life in the Sixth Form	Library
1930	Close for day students	

When you are visiting the subject departments, we recommend starting with those your son has never studied before or is unsure of whether he wishes to study or simply wishes to find out more about. Departments will have some or all the following available to help inform your son's decision:

- Introduction to the subject at A level
- Staff who can answer individual questions
- Year 12/Year 13 students who are currently studying the subject
- Advanced level textbooks and general wider reading advice

You may also wish to visit the Fraser Youens Boarding House if you are interested in finding out more about a boarding place in the Sixth Form. If you have not previously visited the boarding house, please assemble at 7.20pm in the Library to be taken on a tour. Please note that those who board in Fraser Youens have historically attained results that are 10-15% higher than the general school results so it is a very successful option for several boys each year.

After the event your son will be able to enter his A Level and Enrichment subject Option Choices online using the links that will be sent out to them on their school email.

It is important that he, with your advice, enters his choices **by 9.00am on Monday 28 November** when the online system will close. At that point we start processing and organising subjects into columns. Please note that not all subject combinations will be possible, but this changes each year so at this stage we cannot say what won't work. Please be assured that 99% of requests will work!

As this event is also open to external candidates for the Sixth Form, please do let others know about it if you are able to do so.

**Please note** that parking may be extremely challenging for this event given the number attending – if you are able to park on Chadwick Street or Green Road and walk round, that would be much appreciated and may be less stressful!

We do hope that you and your son will find this evening a useful part of the Sixth Form admissions process.

Yours sincerely



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Two useful links

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>  
[https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/tips\\_on\\_choosing\\_a\\_levels\\_march\\_2015\\_0.pdf](https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/tips_on_choosing_a_levels_march_2015_0.pdf)