



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

5 January 2023

Dear Yr 9 parents, carers and students,

I am writing to let you know that as part of our options process, all Year 9 students are being invited to visit our Post16 college partners to learn more about the courses and pathways that they offer. We feel that this is a great opportunity before students finalise their GCSE options. The students will travel to the colleges on hired coaches on Wednesday 25th January and will be given the opportunity to visit both Reigate College and East Surrey college (ESC). Year 9 will be split in to two halves with one half visiting Reigate in the morning and ESC in the afternoon and the other half visiting ESC in the morning and Reigate College in the afternoon. This ensures all students get an experience of both colleges.

During the day students will be taken for a tour of the colleges to have a look at the facilities and will also be engaging in activities which are aimed at helping them to understand the different routes that are on offer after their GCSEs. The information that will be gained by students from this visit will also help our Year 9 students when making their GCSE choices. In addition, our Year 9 students will get one of their first chances to consider how their GCSE choices may influence and enhance their future choices and career options. On the day, students will be required to bring a packed lunch and a drink which they can eat during a break in the day. Students in receipt of free school meals can order a packed lunch on the Google Form below.

We feel it is important that all our Year 9 students are given the opportunity to visit our Post16 partner colleges. Therefore we would like to offer this trip at no cost to parents and carers. However, inevitably to fund the coaches to run this trip we must make budget compromises elsewhere. Therefore we are inviting those parents who are able to or wish to, to make a voluntary donation to help us cover the cost of the visit. Parents and carers can make this voluntary donation via Scopay which can be found under the heading Trips and Events "Y9 College Trip 2023". A suggested amount has been set on Scopay but please feel free to overtype with an amount you are happy to contribute.

In order to give permission for your child to attend the Post16 college visit, please complete the Google form via the following [Link](#) by Friday 6th January.

It is expected that all Year 9 students will attend the trip. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact either of the email addresses below.


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