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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Key Stage 4 Choices 2012 (Options)**

This term sees the start of our Key Stage 4 Choices Program.

On **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** the local Guidance Community, made up of representatives from all schools, colleges, training providers and the local authority, including the Connexions service, has organised an event at Blackpool Pleasure Beach to support this decision making process.

The event will provide opportunities for students to find out more about the following sectors:-

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

English, Language and Communications

Humanities and Social Sciences

Business, Enterprise and ICT

Expressive and Creative Arts

Sport, Health and Leisure

**Year 9 pupils are to make their own way to the Pleasure Beach to arrive between 8.45 and 9 am.**

They will then have an hour and a half to visit the various sectors. Transport will then be provided to return to school at 10.30 am. Full uniform must be worn. If anyone is unable to make their own way to the Pleasure Beach they must inform Mr Hooper by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**, so alternative arrangements can be made.

On **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February** the whole of Year 9 will be going to **Event City in Manchester** for an event called **Skills North West**. The aim of the day is to help students in their decisions about their 'options' for next year.

Students will have the opportunity to have a look at lots of different careers and see how their decisions at the end of Key Stage 3 can help them achieve their ambitions. The event includes over 50 companies exhibiting a range of advice clinics and exciting demonstrations. More information about the event can be found at [www.skillsnw.co.uk](http://www.skillsnw.co.uk).

Students should arrive at school and attend morning registration as normal on Feb 29th.

Students will then join coaches taking them to Manchester. They will return to school between 1.30pm and 2.00pm, and will be dismissed from the coaches. Facilities are available on site for students to purchase food and drink but unfortunately we have no control over the prices charged so I recommend a packed lunch. More information will be provided nearer the time.

For their visit to Manchester pupils do not need to wear school uniform but should ensure they wear appropriate smart clothing for the day.

**Options booklets will be published online on our school web site after this event.**

Students who prefer a paper copy of the Options Booklet can obtain one from Reception.

However, we are trying to encourage students to use electronic methods as this will allow them to make subsequent adjustments to their choices easily.

**A Showcase event will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

This will give you an opportunity to have a look at the work of year 10 and 11 students. Mr Westhorpe and Mr Hooper will be present to answer any questions that you may have, along with the schools' Connexions Personal Advisor and staff from Blackpool and The Fylde College

Please complete and return the consent form below.

Students should hand consent forms to Mr Hooper in the Learning Mentors Office.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me on the school number above.

**Dates for Your Diary:**

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| • Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January    | Your Choices (Pleasure Beach Event)     |
| • Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February | Visit to Skill North West in Manchester |
| • Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March     | Year 9 Parents' Evening                 |
| • Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March      | Options Booklet Published Online        |
| • Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March     | Options Evening                         |

Yours sincerely, John Hooper  
Learning Mentor / Careers Coordinator

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Student Name

Tutor Group

Signature

Date



I consent to the above named student attending the Pleasure Beach event on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and the Skills North West event at Skills Northwest on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February