



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Review Day and the Year ahead

Dear parents/guardians,

You have received a letter from Mr Bowen explaining Academic Review Day which will take place on **Friday 8th February**. You and your son are invited into school to have a meeting with a member of the Year 10 Pastoral Team. This will be either with **myself, your son's form tutor, Mr Bowen (Deputy Headteacher in Charge of KS4 Behaviour) or Mrs Hodgkinson**. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your son to discuss your son's performance for the year so far, and discuss the preparations for the next 18 months.

Your son has now been issued with an appointment time which he has recorded in his planner and hopefully has communicated with you. As you aware the running of this year's Academic Review Day is slightly different to last year. Alongside the appointments there is a careers opportunity being offered to students, the first being a Careers Fair and the second being designated Career Seminars.

Your son has already made the decision on which seminar(s) he wants to attend. Attendance to **at least one** seminar is **compulsory** for you son. I would like to stress the importance of attendance to these selected seminars as due to popularity we have a number that are oversubscribed resulting in capped capacity, and some students being unable to attend their first choice. As parents you are also welcome to attend the seminar(s) with your son. If your son has not informed you of his chosen selection please do discuss with him so you can plan the day accordingly. Below is a list of the different seminars and the selected times.

Law	Business	Banking and Finance	Medicine and Healthcare	Construction and Engineering	IT and Tech
9 – 10am	9 – 10am	10 – 11am	10 – 11am	11 – 12pm	11 – 12pm
Big School	Old Big School	Big School	Old Big School	Big School	Old Big School

In addition to the Careers Seminars there is a Careers Fair which will be located in the school's Sports Hall between the hours of 9 -12pm. There will be a number of different companies at the fair, and over the last few weeks your son has been encouraged to start thinking about a CV and questions which he could ask to different businesses regarding his interests.

As a pastoral team we are strongly placing an emphasis on your son to start thinking more towards the future, and most importantly post GCSE. Later in 2019, your son will need to start considering Sixth Form applications and A-level choices. By gathering an insight into potential career pathways, this information

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will help your son make informed decisions when it comes to selecting his A-level subjects, but also when looking at the provision not only at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Sixth Form, but other institutions as well, which could include Apprenticeships, college or an alternative Sixth Form.

Attached to this letter is the **Target Sheet** I have been asking your son to complete in preparation for his Academic Review Day appointment. You will see from the sheet that there is a series of questions tailored towards the next 18 months and beyond. The expectation is for your son to have this documentation completed by **Monday 4th February** and handed to his form tutor with a parental signature to confirm that you have seen it.

If you do have any questions or concerns surrounding Review Day, then please do contact your son's form tutor or myself via email or telephone. I look forward to seeing you on Friday 8th February.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Naima Field (n.field@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk or 0121 250 5400)

Head of Year 10

Please note that during the school day I do have teaching commitments and will aim to return to emails and phone calls within 48 working hours

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Confirmation of Receipt of Letter

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Pupil's name: _____ **Form:** _____