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Dear Parent/Carer

During this Spring Term Year 9 students will be choosing the courses they wish to follow during Year 10 and 11 in addition to the core subjects of Mathematics, English, Science, PSHE and Physical Education.

Year 9 students will be receiving their full reports online from **Monday 6th February 2012**. The report will give guidance to students and yourselves on predicted levels in each subject.

We strongly encourage parents /carers to attend the **Year 9 Subject Led Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012** from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, which will take place in the Eden space.

This is an ideal opportunity for you to speak to teachers about your son/daughter's ability in each of their subjects and how successful they may be looking towards Options in Year 10 and 11.

On **Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012** (please note that this is change of date from 25<sup>th</sup> January), there will be a **'Future Choices Evening'** held in the Eden space. This is another important evening where the options process, subjects and types of qualifications available will be fully explained to parents/carers and students. It will also give you the opportunity to speak with subject teachers and learn more about what each course involves.

There will be brief presentations in Eden followed by the opportunity for you to gather information about subjects and the types of qualification on offer at our college.

As with previous years, we will run 3 presentations and you will be sent an invitation with the time of the most appropriate presentation for you to attend.

To support this process, staff are currently collating information which will help us to guide your son/daughter towards the most appropriate level and choice. Choices will be provisional at this stage and changes may be made with the agreement of Parents/Carers.

The Future Choices forms must be returned to RESPECT Tutors by **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. If you or your son/daughter has any further questions, please contact their RESPECT Tutor via the planner, by telephone or by contacting Mrs A. Salmon (King), Mrs P. Williams (Madiba), Mrs K. Allgood (Pankhurst) or myself Mr J Holmes.

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Thomas Clarkson Community College is committed to safeguarding the welfare, safety and health of all our students and we expect all who work with us or visit us to do the same.

Below is a list of what is taking place within college to support our students in making their choices:

Introductory assemblies with Year 9 by Learning Community	To be held in the week beginning Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9 data reports available online	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Subject Led Parent's Evening	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Future Choices Evening	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Future Choices (Options) forms due in	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February

Whilst the second phase of the construction of our building proceeds, there continues to be limited parking at either end of the college site. A letter about parking will be sent nearer to the date of the first evening along with the exact time and location of your presentations.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Yours sincerely



Mr J.J.Holmes – Director of Operations

