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Tuesday 4th April 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you and your son / daughter to a Year 8 Pathways evening at 6pm on Thursday 4th May 2017 in the School Assembly Hall. Following an initial presentation, you will have the opportunity to visit the various departments and speak to members of staff and current pupils.

I appreciate that this letter may come as a surprise because, historically, pupils at Sir Thomas Boughey have taken their option subjects in Year 9, not Year 8. This change has been driven by the need to respond to the increased guided learning hours of the new GCSE courses, the request from parents that students of this school leave with an increased number of qualifications, and a response to Ofsted's findings of a report called, 'The Wasted Years'.

Feedback from Ofsted in February also made is clear that, in order to improve, the curriculum needs to be more robustly planned, it needs to have greater breadth and there needs to be more challenge. It is felt that by allowing pupils to go through the Pathways process in Year 8, the various concerns raised with the previous curriculum will be addressed.

It is important that at least one representative of the family and your child attend this evening, as it will give you an opportunity to discuss the recent government changes regarding the curriculum. If you are unable to attend yourself, please ask a relative or a 'friend' of the family to attend.

For the purpose of arranging seating we do need to have prior knowledge of numbers attending and for this we ask you to complete and return the slip below by Monday 24th April 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Hingley – Headteacher

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Year 8 Pathways Evening 4th May 2017

I will / will not   be able to attend the pathways evening.
I would like to reserve 1, 2 or 3 places.   _____ place(s)

NAME OF CHILD: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____