



# Darland High School

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Dear Parent,

Next Wednesday at 7pm, we will be holding our annual Year 10 Guidance Evening in the school hall. I do hope that you will be able to join us.

We have been impressed overall with the way that Year 10 have settled into their new courses, but there is no doubt that their curriculum is very different from what they were used to in Year 9. In fact, recent changes to the Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) curriculum at a national level have resulted in significant differences in the way that courses are structured and assessed.

In order to help support your child, we believe that it is useful for you to gain an understanding of the way that the new GCSE courses are taught and examined. In the guidance evening, you will hear from the subject leaders of Mathematics, English, Science and Skills Challenge. The latter subject is a vital component of the Welsh Baccalaureate, which all students in Wales now must follow. As well as learning about the individual subjects, presentations will be made from the Progress Coordinator for Year 10 and the Deputy Headteacher, about the ways we will be supporting the students and helping them develop the study skills they need to succeed.

I do hope you will be able to join us on the evening of Wednesday 21st September.

Yours sincerely

**Mr P Agnew**  
**Headteacher**