

8th January 2018

Dear Parent /Carer

Year 9 Academic Review Day and Options Interview – Wednesday 13th February

We would like to invite you to our Year 9 Academic Review Day on Wednesday 13th February. The event will be held between the hours of 8am and 7pm in the school's Sixth Form Centre.

The day will provide you with the opportunity to meet with your child's Form Tutor to discuss academic progress. In order to assist the tutor in making the appointment, could you please indicate in the grid on the second page **two** different sets of times when you would be able to come into school with your child. The Form Tutor will then make an appointment which you will be asked to confirm in your child's planner. **On the day itself, Year 9 students are only required to attend school for their allocated meeting.**

Following the conversation with your child's tutor, there will be an opportunity to meet with a member of teaching staff to discuss your child's option choices, should you wish to do so. These appointments do not need to be scheduled. Representatives from the Careers Service, University College Isle of Man and Educational Welfare will also be available throughout the day. Please see your child's planner for more specific times of when each service is available.

Prior to the Academic Review Day, Year 9 will have participated in a careers day on the 31st January. During this day, students will attend a number of workshops designed to give them lots of information and ideas about the different pathways they can take and some of the subjects they can pick from. Alongside this, students will be given the opportunity to visit a specialist website to complete a questionnaire that will give them an idea of the careers available to suit their interests and aptitudes. In addition, students will also participate in 'Learn to Earn Day' on 1st February. This event aims to help young people understand the soft skills valued by employers and encourages students to study hard so that they have more opportunities when they leave education. The day will be led by volunteer group leaders from Junior Achievement Isle of Man.

An options booklet, along with the options form will be provided to students following the careers day, and we would very much appreciate it if you would spend time looking through both the booklet and the form with your child. The deadline for return is Friday 8th March.

No appointments will be scheduled between 3.20pm and 3.40pm, as the school buses will be on site and access by car, is limited at this time.

If you have any questions about any of the events outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Stokoe.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Hicks
Key Stage 3 Leader

Mr M. Stokoe
Head of Year 9



Ballakermeen High School

Please ask your child to return your preferences to their Form Tutor by Friday 18th January.

Student's name:	Time:	Please tick 2 boxes
	8.00am – 8.50am	
Tutor Group:	8.50am – 11.00am	
	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Parent/Carer's Signature:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	
	2.00pm – 3.10pm	
	3.40pm – 5.00pm	
	5.00pm – 6.45pm	