

3 September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Senior Phase (S4 – S6) Information Evening for Parents and Learners

We would like to invite you to a short meeting to provide you with information about the Senior Phase here at Knox Academy. As you will be aware, the pace and challenge of work steps up significantly in S4, S5 and S6 with many demands placed on young people across a range of subjects. There will also be an increase in home learning and the expectations of engagement in this to support learning beyond the classroom. This can also be a stressful time for our pupils/children as they cope with juggling all of these demands and advice will be given on the night on various approaches to managing this workload.

National Qualifications also changed last year and changes are afoot this year too. There are no mandatory unit assessments at National 5 level now (although some staff still may use them as an assessment tool to track progress). At Higher level these mandatory unit assessments have also been removed this year. Examination lengths have also been increased in some subject areas, with some exams now extended from 2 to 2 ½ hours in some subject areas.

It is hoped by holding this meeting to bring parents/carers up to speed about these changes to ensure you are well informed about the year ahead. The information we provide should also help you support your young person at home and raise your awareness of the content and expectations of various courses and folio pieces etc.

The meeting will be held in the school assembly hall on **Wednesday 5 September from 7-8pm**. There will be an opportunity to hear from pupils, senior staff and outside supporting bodies.

We do hope you will be able to join us as we believe this evening will be beneficial to you.

Yours sincerely

Sue Cook