



19 July 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 10 pupils have made a purposeful and positive start to the first year of their GCSE courses. Teaching staff across all subjects have commented on how impressed they have been with their positive attitude and engagement during this academic year.

Preparing to Perform

With mock GCSE examinations taking place at the end of November 2018, I would like to invite you to a Preparing to Perform meeting at St Katherine's School between 7.00-8.00pm on **Monday 24 September** in the dining room.

Preparation for examinations can be a time of anxiety, worry and uncertainty for pupils and parents/carers alike. The Preparing to Perform meeting is an opportunity for you, as parents/carers, to discover and discuss the various ways that you can provide the vital support and reassurance needed at this important time to support your child to achieve examination success.

During the evening the following topics will be covered by subject specialists and myself.

- the rationale, format and expectations of GCSE mock examinations
- school strategies for exam preparation
- creating an effective revision environment at home
- core subject information on mock examination content
- recommended revision guides, revision websites and study aids
- practical revision methods, techniques and strategies

There will also be an opportunity to

- ask questions about any aspect of exam preparation
- speak with Mr Steve Colebourne (Head of Sixth Form) who will be present to discuss Sixth Form applications and offer guidance on post-16 pathways.

Please confirm your attendance at this event by calling our reception on 01275 373737 or by email school@stkaths.org.uk, clearly stating your name and the name of your child.

I look forward to seeing you on **Monday 24 September**

Yours sincerely

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