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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Option Choices**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding an Options Evening for year 8 students who, for the first time, are being asked to choose some options for study in year 9. This is part of our on-going curriculum development, to improve and personalise learning opportunities for our students.

The evening is intended to inform students and parents about the options process at Sydney Smith, including the improvements we are making to curriculum choices for 2009, and to make sure students choose the most appropriate option for some of their Year 9 courses. The Options Evening will be the first opportunity for students to consider the options available and students will then have further opportunities to discuss courses with teachers in school before making their choices. A connexions careers advisor will also be present.

The evening will begin at 6.00pm. There will be a talk at 6.00 pm about the options process and this will be repeated at 7.00pm. Please use the tear-off slip below to indicate which session you would prefer to attend and return it to your child's guidance teacher before Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

I very much hope you will join us at this important meeting, and take advantage of the opportunity to find out more about Year 9 options courses at Sydney Smith. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

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Linda Chapman  
Assistant Headteacher

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(please tick your time choice below)

I would like to attend to 6:00pm talk

I would like to attend to 7:00pm talk

Parent/Carer of .....(Students Name) Guidance Group .....

Signed .....

Dated .....



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