



# Parkside Academy

An Outstanding School

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Dear Parent/guardian

## Step up to Year 9 – Option Subjects

I am pleased to invite your child to take part in a series of 'Masterclasses' at Parkside Academy. These Masterclasses are aimed at Year 8 pupils in order to prepare them for making choices about GCSE courses in Year 9. They are part of the Gifted and Talented enrichment programme.

They will focus on Option Subjects and also give pupils a taster of what is to come in September in their GCSE course. The sessions will either take place on a Tuesday or Thursday night, when there is an after school bus available to take your child home. Please see the timetable below.

Subject	Length of masterclass	Date
History / RE	1 Hour	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Geography / German	1 Hour	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018
ICT	30 minutes	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Design & technology / Food & Catering	1 Hour	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Health, social & childcare / Business Studies	1 Hour	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018
Art and design	1 hour	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
GCSE PE / GCSE Dance	1 Hour	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Music performance	1 hour	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

There will be a reward for pupils for attending all 8 sessions.

Could you please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Baker at Parkside Academy by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.

With regards,

Mrs Baker  
Gifted and talented coordinator

Reply slip to Mrs A.Baker

Child name, \_\_\_\_\_ tutor group \_\_\_\_\_

My child will/will not be attending the "Step up to Year 9" Masterclasses

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

