

30th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 and 9 – CRC and Bishop Laney taster day

I'm writing to inform you of this amazing event taking place on 4th and 5th February here in college. Cambridge Regional College and Bishop Laney Sixth Form representatives are coming together to facilitate a Further Education taster event, giving Year 8 and Year 9 students an opportunity to explore and expand their knowledge on further education courses, subjects and future career pathways. Finishing off with Year 8s and Year 9s listening to ex Ely College students and Bishop Laney Sixth Form students speak about their FE education experience so far. They will discuss with students' reasons for their chosen subjects and their aspirations for their future.

This event will be delivered in a 1-hour group session on the day: for Year 8s this will be held on 4th February and the group sessions will run from P1 to P3. This will be repeated on 5th February for Year 9s running from P1 to P4.

It is my hope that as our Year 8 students start to think about their GCSEs, this event will enable them to gain a better understanding of their choices and the subjects they are about to pick. This taster event allows them to gain insight beyond GCSE and the possibilities open to them in further education and future careers, enabling them to make an informed decision.

For our Year 9s it is about introducing them to future possibilities based on their GCSE choices now, expanding their knowledge to start thinking of future career pathways, such as apprenticeships post 16, post 18, further education, higher education - what better way than to hear from Bishop Laney students Year 12 and 13s who are now starting to prepare for their own next phase in their career pathway.

Events such as these gives our students information needed to support and maintain their aspirations, grounding them in knowledge and understanding of how to achieve these.

Yours faithfully

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