



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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To Parents and Guardians of pupils in the Fourth Year

Dear Parents and Guardians

Cambridge and Preview Testing for Fourth Year Pupils

The Fourth and Fifth Years at Caterham School are crucial years in the transition from child to adult, most obviously in the form of impending GCSE's. Equally important are the various options and directions your child may take after the completion of these exams. The majority of Caterhamians will progress into our Sixth Form to complete A Levels as a stepping-stone to Higher Education and a career whilst others may move on to new challenges elsewhere.

Choice at 16+ can be overwhelming, and Caterham School believes that part of the education we provide must be to enable you and your children to make informed choices about the future. As part of the School's careers education programme we are offering all students the opportunity to take part in the Cambridge Profile and Preview scheme which is designed to reveal suitable future careers and assist in the selection of AS and A2 choices.

This year the programme will take place on Tuesday 21 June, starting at 8.55am promptly in the Old Gym. The questionnaire and test will be administered by Cambridge Occupational Analysts Ltd; a careers organisation involved with many Trinity Group schools including Whitgift and Trinity. Each student will receive a feedback interview with an independent careers adviser in September during the normal school day.

We have opted for all students to take part in this scheme enabling us to negotiate a reduced cost of £78 per pupil, which will be added to your School account. If you do not wish your son or daughter to take part in the programme then please let me know **in writing by Friday 17 June**. As an added incentive, COA have also offered to reimburse the full cost of the scheme, at any stage, if a parent decides to withdraw their son or daughter, even if the tests have already been taken.

Please look at http://www.coa.co.uk/_usr/File/cambridge-profile-brochure.pdf and http://www.coa.co.uk/_usr/File/preview-brochure.pdf for more detailed information about this programme.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on extension 307 or email me at clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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