

Our Ref: PGR/AJ/Y8 parents **Y7 Parental Gateway Launch Workshop**

April 2011

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended the recent Y8 Consultation Evening. The Evening was extremely well attended and a positive and productive atmosphere prevailed throughout. The Questionnaires, which you kindly returned on the night, supported the view that Year 8 pupils are essentially well motivated and have a clear sense of direction.

The Event also offered the opportunity for parents to be given access to information on their child via SIMS (School Information Management System). A large number of parents took up the offer of a presentation on the evening and many more collected their username and password to try for themselves at home.

The response from parents to this new service has been overwhelmingly positive; you can now access a range of up to date information on your children from the comfort of your own home or office at any time, day or night.

For those parents who were unable to collect their username and password on the night, you still have the opportunity to do so by contacting the school and we will arrange for an envelope to be left on Reception for you to collect. Alternatively, we are offering another [Presentation Evening](#), this time to the parents of Year 7 pupils, on [Thursday, 28 April 2011](#). There will be 2 brief presentations on the evening, at **5:00 pm** and **6:00 pm**, followed by the opportunity to try for yourselves (with support) in the Learning Resource Centre, before going home. You need only give up approximately 30 minutes of your time for what, experience is telling us, is one of the more practical and positive developments in terms of parental access to information.

If you would like to attend one of the Presentations on 28 April, please return the reply slip below or email your requirements via Schoolcomms or via the school email: [kingstone@barnsley.org](mailto:kingstone@barnsley.org) for the attention of Mrs Jones.

Yours sincerely

*P Gallagher*

Mr P Gallagher  
Deputy Head



REPLY SLIP – Please complete and return to Form Tutor by Wednesday, 27 April 2011 or alternatively email: [kingstone@barnsley.org](mailto:kingstone@barnsley.org) for the attention of Mrs Jones.

Print Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

I/\*We would like to attend the **Y7 Parental Gateway Launch Workshop** on [Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at:](#)

*\*5:00 pm*

*\*6:00 pm*

*\*Either workshop (Please circle preferred option)*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_