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9th November 2009

To: Parents/Guardians of Students in Year 9

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you of an event for Year 9 students and their parents/carers regarding choices for Key Stage 4.

You may have heard of a new qualification that has been introduced during the past year called the Diploma. The Diploma is a qualification for 14-19 years olds, developed with the help of industry, which is designed to help prepare students, in an innovative and exciting way, for university or employment. As part of a London Borough of Havering pilot scheme in conjunction with other schools in the borough and the two Havering post-16 colleges, we at Abbs Cross will be offering the arts based Creative and Media Diploma to this year's Year 9.

Your son/daughter will have the opportunity to find out more about the Diploma and the rest of the options programme, in a Year 9 assembly to be held from 3.00pm to 3.15pm on Thursday 19th November. The day before that, there will also be a Diploma Roadshow event at the Ardleigh Green campus of Havering College of Further and Higher Education between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, for students and their parents/carers to find out more about Diplomas, including the Diploma in Creative and Media that we will be offering at Abbs Cross. Members of Abbs Cross staff will also be in attendance.

You will also be invited, nearer the time, to our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening to be held in school on Thursday 11th March 2010 which forms the focus of the options choice process.

In the meantime, if you intend attending the Diploma Roadshow at Ardleigh Green Campus on Wednesday 18th November, please fill in the reply slip below and return to me by Friday 13th November.

Yours sincerely,

N Franceschi
Deputy Head

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To: Mr N Franceschi, Abbs Cross School & Arts College

I will be attending the Diploma Roadshow at Havering College of Further and Higher Education, Ardleigh Green Road, on Wednesday 18th November.

Number of people attending: _____

Name of son/daughter: _____

Form: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian