

Tuesday, 08 March 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are delighted to invite you and your child to the **Year 9 Pathways Evening on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 from 4.00- 7.00pm.**

The options process is an exceptionally important phase in our students' school life. Students, for the first time, will have an opportunity to influence their own destiny and choose subjects that will shape the remainder of their educational lives. We recognise that making these decisions, whilst thinking about further education and future career choices, can be difficult. However, students and their parents/carers should feel safe in the knowledge that they will be provided with all of the guidance and support needed to make the right choice.

Attendance at the evening is a vital part of the Pathways process, where your child will be selecting three subjects to be studied for the next two years at GCSE.

At the event you will have the opportunity to:

- Speak with Subject Leaders and Teachers to find out more about each course and your child's suitability.
- Meet with experienced Senior Leaders who can provide advice to support your child's choices.

It is our intent to help all students make well judged, informed choices about the subjects they choose. To help students with this process, they will have received a year 9 Pathways Booklet beforehand. This will enable you to be better informed regarding the subjects your child wishes to choose and allows our subject leaders to guide you through the process with a more informed approach.

After the evening, please go through the booklets in detail with your child. These booklets provide essential information about each of the courses that your child can choose to study at the start of Year 10.

The Pathways selection process will be completed online and guidance on this process can also be found in the booklet.

Please note that we cannot guarantee all students will get all their initial choices, however we will of course endeavor to do so. Curriculum choices will not be finalised with students until the summer term.

Please complete and return the reply slip below to confirm attendance by **Friday 11th March 2022**.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's tutor or Miss Hemm.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Backhouse

Assistant Head for Achievement



Student name: _____

Tutor group: _____

Please '✓' the appropriate box below to confirm your attendance.

- I **will** be attending Pathways Evening
- I will **not** be attending Pathways Evening

If you are unable to attend please provide a brief summary of the reason:

Signed: _____ (parent/ carer)