

7 November 2024

Dear Parent or Carer

RE: Year 9 Pathways Evening

I am delighted to invite you to our Year 9 pathways evening which will be held on Thursday 21 November 2024 from 5 pm – 7.30 pm.

This is an important time for our Year 9 students as they begin to consider their subject choices, not only for their GCSEs, but thinking ahead to what they would like to do at Sixth Form and beyond.

The purpose of the evening is to explain the pathways process, inform you of important information and dates relating to your child's choices and offer some initial help and advice. There will be a main presentation to all students, parents and carers; in order to best manage numbers attending, we will be delivering the same presentation in East Hall at two different times during the evening:

- Please could parents or carers of students in the **X half** of the year group meet in East Hall for a **5 pm** presentation.
- Please could parents or carers of students in the Y half of the year group meet in East Hall for a **5.45 pm** presentation.

Between 5 pm and 7.30 pm you will be able to visit all the Key Stage 4 subjects on offer; this gives you an opportunity to speak to teachers, current GCSE students and ask any questions you may have.

The Year 9 pathways booklet will also be handed out to students on the evening. This is a comprehensive guide of the pathways process, the subjects available to students and the timeline that this process will follow.

We also invite you to attend our Careers Fair, based in West Hall and Gym. The careers fair is taking place at the same time as our pathways evening and is open to students, parents and carers from all year groups. Details of this event will be sent to you separately.

We hope that you are able to attend this evening and look forward to working with you and your child throughout this process.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Holmes Deputy Headteacher



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