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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 9 Pathways Form

All Year 9 students will be receiving their Pathways form on Thursday 6 February.

There are two different pathways that students follow at GCSE: the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) pathway and the core pathway. The school has used a range of data and information to assess each student's suitability for each pathway. This has included, but is not limited to Key Stage 2 attainment, CAT scores, progress and attainment from their time throughout Key Stage 3 and feedback from subject teachers and pastoral teams.

The deadline for returning pathway forms is Monday 24 February. We aim to confirm your child's provisional Key Stage 4 study programme as soon as we have processed all the pathway forms. Whilst we try to ensure that every student gets their first choice, this will always depend on levels of demand as well as the availability of staffing and facilities. Some courses may not run, due to lack of demand; therefore, some students may have to study their reserve subject choice. For this reason, it is important that they make their reserve choices carefully.

You may find the Year 9 pathways booklet, shared on our options evening in November useful for informing your child's subject choices. This can also be accessed on our school website using the following link: [2025 Key Stage 4 Pathways](#).

If you have any further questions regarding pathways or option choices, please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Holmes".

Mr M Holmes
Deputy Headteacher

