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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: KS4 Pathways for year 9 students

Unfortunately, we are unable to run a normal Pathways Evening this year so once again, materials will be online. This is an important time for your child as they make subject choices for years 10 and 11 and you should find all the information you need on the website <https://aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk/KS4pathways>

Included within the materials are videos from each subject area which students have been watching during form time over the previous few weeks. These videos will help your child make an informed choice about the subjects they choose. There is also a copy of the presentation students have seen in assembly and Pathways information.

It is important to note that different students will be offered different pathways which suit their abilities yet offer an appropriate level of challenge. Students in 9R and 9O are on the Red Pathway, students in 9Y, 9G, 9B and 9I are on the Yellow Pathway and students in 9V will follow the Violet Pathway. **Please note that these pathways and the subjects within them have been carefully selected to ensure we open as many doors as possible for our students' future careers and aspirations. We will not narrow the curriculum for any student.**

There are a number of different types of qualifications that students can study, for example GCSE with which everyone is familiar, but also BTEC and Cambridge Nationals, both of which are equivalent to GCSEs. These qualifications are explained in the individual subject videos.

With regards to the process of choosing subjects, a form to be completed by you and your child will be provided once Parents' Evening has taken place on Wednesday 2nd March. Right now, the conversations should be around what subjects your child would like to take within the framework of the pathway they are on. Please note the following subject combinations cannot be taken together owing to the similarities in course content:

Dance and Drama

Art and Fashion

If you have any further questions, please email pathways@alderchs.uk in the first instance and if your query cannot be resolved by email, it will be followed up with a phone call.

Yours faithfully,

R O'Regan
Head teacher

