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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Timeline for Year 9 Pathways Process

As your child nears the end of Key Stage 3 the process of making arrangements for their Key Stage 4 (KS4) education pathway will begin. Attached to this letter you will find a timeline and overview of the pathway process.

During the next two weeks each tutorial time will be devoted to KS4 subjects, with each Curriculum Leader outlining their subject to all Year 9 students in the main hall. The Pathways booklet will soon be available on the school website for you and your child to study. If you would like a printed copy of the booklet please contact the school office. Before Pathways Evening you should aim to narrow down your choices to a shortlist. The Pathway Form will be available at Pathways Evening.

Year 9 Pathways Evening takes place at **5.45pm on Wednesday, 29th January** in the main hall, where there will be an introductory speech to explain the process. Following this there will be an opportunity to speak with Curriculum Leaders of your shortlisted subjects about your pathway choices. Mrs Bibby, SENDCo will also be available. Your child should accompany you to Pathways Evening, but please ensure he/she attends in full school uniform. It is anticipated that the evening will finish at around 7:00pm.

Also, in the dining room, from 5.15pm onwards, there will be an opportunity to speak with representatives from local colleges who will be able to give details about college and university life. In addition, a representative from Changing Education will be available regarding careers advice and guidance.

I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, 29th January** and, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact school should you wish to clarify any points regarding the pathways process.

Yours sincerely

R O'Regan
Headteacher

