

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Progression Pathways Evening. This evening is part of our Aspiration programme. It is vital to our overarching aim to 'Enrich the Lives' of our students to ensure that we are enabling them to be as successful as possible. Choosing their pathway choices for study at Level 2 (GCSE's) is an important step in that process.

During this evening's event we have a range of opportunities for you.

- You will be able to speak to the staff with whom you have made appointments for English, Maths and Science.
- You can then speak to subject specialist staff about your child's progress and aptitude for the subject for Level 2 study.
- You can also speak to the inclusion team (SEND) and our sixth form team.
- On Friday morning students will be sent an electronic form which they will need to complete on their iPads. **They will only be able to complete this once so they must ensure that you have discussed the choices carefully.** This does not have to be completed immediately the Deadline is Friday 27th March.
- Please note that all students must choose ONE subject which is classed as an EBacc subject, which is part one of the form. They will then select TWO additional choices from part two and ONE reserve choice. It is very important that they choose their *reserve* choice carefully. While we strive to ensure that all students get their first choices, this is not always possible, and the *reserve* choice may be allocated.
- There is a final section where students who are interested in studying Art, Computer Science or Separate Science can express an interest in these subjects. Selecting this does not guarantee them a place. There are limited numbers in these subjects and students will be chosen based on assessments and attitude to learning.

You will see the term EBacc during this evening and in the literature associated with the process. This stands for English Baccalaureate. This is a suite of subjects which enable a broad breadth of study for the students. At Fortis Academy we ask students to study at least one subject from these subjects as they enable the students to develop employability skills which will help them with their future career aspirations.

Following the Pathways Evening, we encourage you to visit our website. There, you will find the Pathways booklet, which provides detailed information on all subjects. Additionally, you will find a copy of the Microsoft Forms that all students will receive tomorrow morning. This form will allow students to begin the process of completing their choices and will be completed electronically. Any students who need additional support to make choices will be seen individually by staff.

Students should take the time to discuss their final choices with you and their Edge tutor. Their Edge tutor will then input their final choices into our online options programme. The students have until **Friday 27th March** to submit their final choices.

Students and parents will be notified of their successful choices in the summer term.

Once again, thank you for your participation and continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy should you need any further advice or have any queries.

You can contact the year 9 team, inclusion team or Mrs Hunt using the following email addresses.

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