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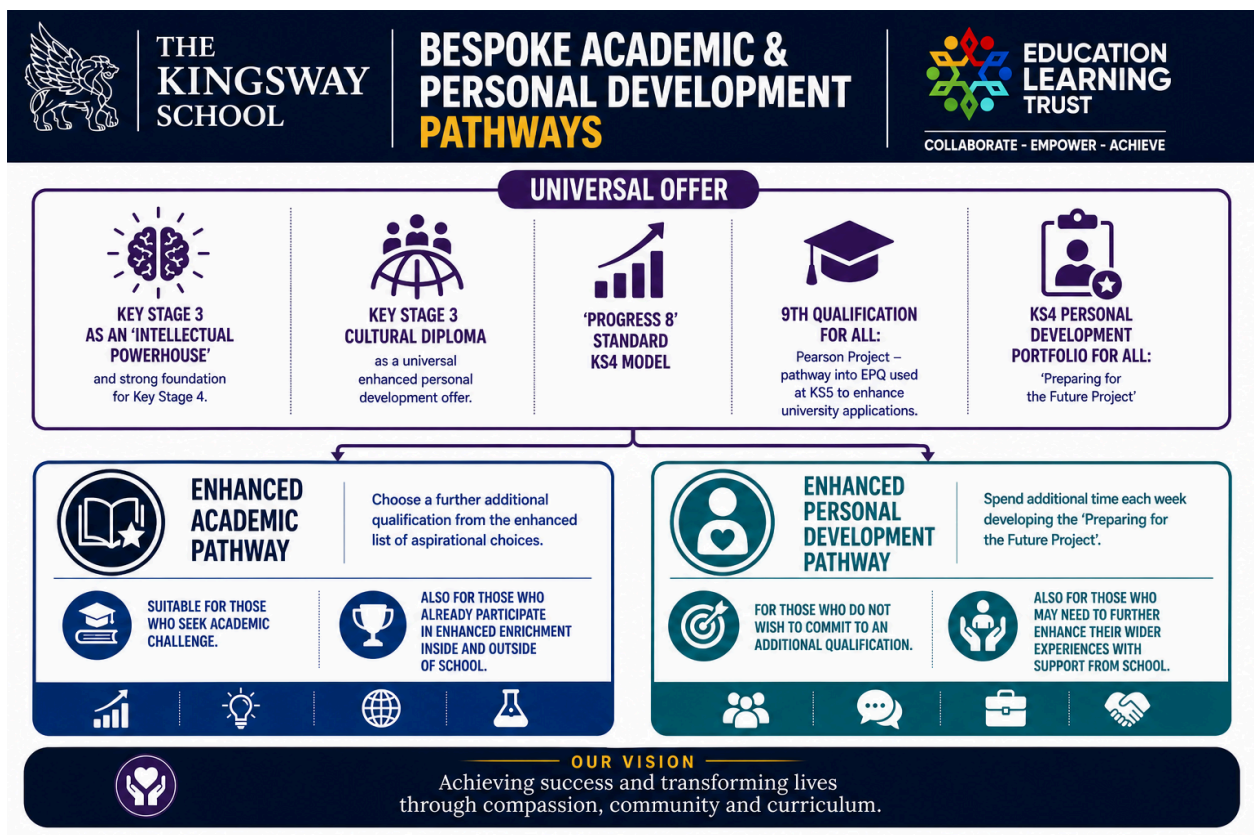
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 are approaching an important and exciting stage in their journey at The Kingsway School. Over the coming weeks, students will complete their end of Key Stage 3 examinations, finalise their Cultural Diploma and celebrate their graduation from Key Stage 3. Alongside this, we are finalising Key Stage 4 options. These will be confirmed before, and we are delighted that almost all students have secured their first-choice subjects. Where this has not been possible, families will be contacted directly.

Bespoke Pathways at Key Stage 4

As part of our commitment to delivering an ambitious and future-focused curriculum, we are introducing innovative bespoke pathways at Key Stage 4. These pathways are designed to provide a more personalised experience for students, recognising different strengths, aspirations and talents while ensuring every young person is challenged, inspired and supported to thrive. An outline of this vision can be found below:



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What this means for your child?

Every student will continue to access a strong universal curriculum offer, including a full suite of GCSE qualifications, a structured personal development programme and a new 9th nationally accredited qualification for all students: the Level 2 Higher Project.

The Level 2 Higher Project will allow us to add a national accreditation to our Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) curriculum and will develop students' independent learning, research skills, critical thinking and presentation skills. Importantly, this qualification provides a pathway into the highly aspirational Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) studied at sixth form and college level, which is widely recognised for strengthening university applications and preparing students for advanced academic study.

Students will then follow one of two enhanced pathways designed to broaden opportunities and enrich their experience beyond the standard curriculum offer.

The majority of our students will study an enhanced personal development pathway, which is the pathway for those not electing to study the additional qualification. This pathway follows the standard pattern of our school day and will be led exclusively in our curriculum timetable. The Enhanced Personal Development Pathway provides additional dedicated time in school for students to develop their "Preparing for the Future" project, enabling them to build confidence, leadership, wider experiences and essential life skills through a highly personalised programme of support and enrichment.

The optional Enhanced Academic Pathway offers students the opportunity to undertake an additional qualification through a dynamic blend of taught sessions, independent online learning and an extended school day one afternoon each week (2–4pm). This pathway is designed for students who are eager to embrace additional academic challenges and deepen their intellectual curiosity. The list of available qualifications for this pathway will be launched in due course and will include the option to complete an additional GCSE in a named subject outside of our main offer.

We will share further details of this, including how students will select their pathways at our upcoming Year 9 Information Evening on Thursday 14th May at 6pm in Broadway Hall. Please note that this session will also include details about other upcoming Y9 matters such as examinations, diploma submission and the transition to our Foxland campus.

This is a hugely exciting moment for our students, and we are proud to be offering a curriculum experience that is ambitious, innovative and tailored to individual strengths and aspirations.

We thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Mrs A Fowler
Headteacher



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